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Dysart et al Firefighters were called out to the Boughner Road (off County Road 19, the Harburn Road) on Friday May 7th to attend a nasty blaze in a garage. Some 13 firefighters couldn't save the garage, but managed to keep the fire from spreading to the house. The fire's heat was so intense it broke the outer pane of some of the house's windows, and started to melt the shingles on the roof.

The garage and all its contents were destroyed. No cause has yet to be determined for the fire. ■

Water Levels Continue to Cause Concern

"We're counting on rainfall."
(Water Control Engineer Dave Ness)

Throughout the County waterfront property owners continue to watch their water levels carefully and wonder, given what appears to be almost records lows this spring, just how low the levels will go once the Trent Severn Waterway starts to draw down on the reservoir lakes. But Parks Canada/TSW's Water Control Engineer Dave Ness suggests that all may not be as bad as it seems.

"Water Kawartha Lakes levels are high, even overfilled at the moment," says Ness, and that is good news for reservoir lake dwellers because additional reserves in the Kawartha Lakes means more time before any draw down on the reservoir lakes.

Late last week the County Voice did a detailed review of many of the larger lakes in Haliburton County and found some disturbing numbers. With the exception of Twelve Mile, Horseshoe and Boshkung Lakes that seemed to be approaching historical high

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Vision 2010 Team

Vision 2010 Team Announces Candidacy in Minden Hills

"We need to do what we do for less." (Councillor Barbara Reid)

Last Thursday, May 6th was launch day for a slate of four candidates who have hit the campaign trail running for Minden Hills Council as a team. Joining incumbent Ward 2 Councillor Barbara Reid at the Dominion Hotel for a press conference to officially announce their candidacy were Larry Clarke, who

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Dysart Council Adopts Policy Governing Use of Municipal Road Allowances

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

For months, the Dysart Council has had outstanding requests for placement of docks and the lack of an official policy governing the use of unopened municipal road allowances has made the decision making process difficult if not impossible. This week the Council adopted a policy that will assist them in dealing consistently with requests now and in the future.

Unfortunately, as Reeve Murray Fearrey pointed out, it resulted in an exercise in 'how to make friends and influence people, or not' as during the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, one request was approved and another request denied.

Municipal Policy No. 32 allows that the municipality may, at its sole discretion, open, assume and improve any portion of a road allowance to permit its use by the public for road purposes, recreation trail purposes and access to various water bodies, along with other requests that might be deemed appropriate from time to time.

In the case of an unopened road allowance, the policy states that the municipality may permit the use of a shore road allowance by immediately adjacent owners to access the water. The same is the case with shore road allowances that abut a publicly maintained highway by owners of



lots that are located across the highway.

In addition, the municipality reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to permit the use of an unopened road allowance for privately maintained roads, driveways, trails and access to water bodies.

In all cases where a user is granted permission to use the road allowance for things like docking facilities or water access, they will be required to enter into a licence of occupation agreement with the municipality and pay an annual licence fee. They will also be required to maintain liability insurance to cover the use of the road allowance, while continuing to acknowledge the right of the general public to use the road allowance or the municipality to use the road allowance at some point in the future for its own purposes.

Of course, as with all agreements, some 'notwithstanding' apply. The policy details that the municipality will not generally permit the use of an unopened road allowance that leads to water to build any structures including a dock or parking area unless the user can clearly demonstrate that the use has been in uninterrupted existence since July of 1977 when the municipality's first zoning

by-law came into existence.

The policy clearly states that each application will be judged on its individual merits including a review of the site conditions and the neighbourhood. The policy is also clear that those who are successful in their requests to Council are not to construe that they have any real interest in the land and that the permission will not necessarily be extended to future owners of the property.

The first delegation to speak with Council was Andrew and Yvonne Jack who purchased a back lot on Wonderland Road in 2009. The Jacks purchased the property with the understanding that their property had lake access on the original road allowance leading to the lake which included a permanent docking structure.

Planner Pat Martin confirmed that the road allowance had been used since the early 1970's. Despite her comment that the use was not transferrable, Council confirmed their desire to proceed with a license of occupation for the dock because of its documented historic use.

Councillor Janis Parker pointed out that the photographs indicated that there was more than one section of dock involved and Greg Bishop spoke on behalf of the Abernathy family who wished to ensure that they have continued use of their driveway that crosses the road allowance.

Council agreed to enter into a standard acknowledgement of the Abernathy driveway, to a licence of occupation for the Jacks for a dock that would be restricted in size to drawings submitted, and to restrict use of the road allowance for docking facilities by other back lot owners.

Martin reminded Council that there is a common law rite of passage that must be respected and that from time to time, the municipality would have to police the use of the dock.

In response to a question about a fee by Martin, who suggested that Kashagawigamog Lake waterfront was a valuable commodity, Fearrey said, "We're only trying to give them a path to get to their dock." He said that a \$300 annual fee should be sufficient over and above the initial application fee and Council agreed with his recommendation.

Fearrey advised the Jacks that, solely because of the historic use of the dock, they were authorized to submit a formal application complete with a legal description (or surveyed drawing).

The next delegation was not as fortunate. Dorothy Mitchell (and Jeff Brooks) purchased three lots on Michael Road that back onto an unassumed road allowance leading to Benoir Lake. While the lots also had a right of way over a separate parcel of land that provided lake access, the couple purchased the property with the understanding that the dock (on Shelli Drive) used by the previous owners could remain in place.

Last year, Mitchell and Brooks learned that formal permission for placement of the dock had been granted to the previous owners in 1985, but did not extend to future owners. They approached Council last fall, seeking approval for the dock to remain, but the decision was deferred pending a policy on the use of road allowances.

Mitchell said, "The dock was there since 1970, but written permission was only received in 1986." She also explained that while they had deeded lake access on Block C, it was nowhere near the actual cottage.

"We cleaned the pathway so people would walk to the water and it is our desire to continue to use the dock in front of the cottage which has been the case for 30 years."

Councillor Steve Pogue commented that the people that previously owned the land had tried to make the docking facility look like it was part of the property, but that the survey clearly showed that was not the case. "I'm sorry, but I cannot support your request."

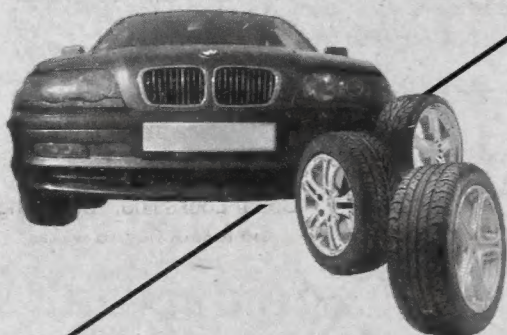
Mitchell also advised Council that when they purchased the property, despite being led to believe that there would be no problem by their real estate agent, they wanted to do the right thing and approach Council for formal permission.

The owners of Block C (Tina and Wayne Tays) were also in attendance and advised Council that while they were required to give access to the lake, they were not required to give access to docking facilities and Pogue agreed that deeded access gives access to the lake, not the right to install a dock.

Fearrey suggested that Mitchell attempt to negotiate an arrangement with the lakefront owner immediately adjacent to the road allowance.

Meanwhile, Council denied the request to maintain the dock and advised Mitchell that she and Brooks would be required to remove both the dock and associated deck. ■

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Sneaker Day Incorporates New Routes

During the 16th annual Minden Sneaker Day event participants walked new routes along the Riverwalk path, and over the Loggers' Crossing Bridge which was completed shortly after last year's Sneaker event. The new circuits provided a cheering section comprised of goslings protectively watched by their wary parents, and an up-close opportunity to measure-up the logger statue on the north bank of the Gull, all while walking beneath the colourful cherry blossoms in full bloom overhead. Minden's annual Sneaker Day affords everyone a chance to enjoy the unfolding of spring while getting some physical activity at the same time. ■

Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans



THURSDAY



Chance of showers and thunderstorms

▲ 14° ▼ 7°

FRIDAY



Chance of showers early

▲ 18° ▼ 5°

SATURDAY



Partly cloudy

▲ 16° ▼ 4°

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy

▲ 17° ▼ 7°

MONDAY



Chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms

▲ 19° ▼ 7°

TUESDAY



Mostly cloudy, chance of showers

▲ 17° ▼ 7°

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy

▲ 14° ▼ 6°

AROUND THE REGION: A frontal boundary will trigger scattered showers and thunderstorms across the region today and tonight. A few showers may linger early Friday; otherwise skies look to become partly cloudy. Partial sunshine and cool conditions can be expected to the upcoming weekend.

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City	Today Hi/Lo/Othk	Friday Hi/Lo/Othk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Othk	City	Today Hi/Lo/Othk	Friday Hi/Lo/Othk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Othk
Acapulco	31/22/pc	31/23/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	31/25/ls	32/26/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	29/26/ls	29/25/ls	31/26/su	Nassau	30/23/su	31/23/su	31/28/sh
Barbados	30/25/ls	30/24/ls	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	33/26/ls	34/25/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	24/19/pc	25/19/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	30/22/pc	30/22/pc	30/23/pc
Cancun	31/24/su	32/25/pc	31/25/pc	St Thomas	31/26/ls	29/25/ls	31/26/ra
Curacao	31/25/ls	32/26/ls	28/27/ls	St Maarten	31/26/ls	29/25/ls	30/25/ls
Freeport	29/22/su	29/23/su	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	29/22/ls	28/22/ls	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/24/ls	31/25/ls	29/23/ls	San Juan	31/25/ls	30/25/ls	31/24/pc
Havana	33/24/su	32/22/pc	34/24/su	San Salvador	34/24/ls	33/24/ls	32/22/su
Key West	29/23/su	29/24/su	30/26/pc	Santo Domingo	32/23/ls	33/24/ls	33/26/su
Kingston	31/25/ls	31/26/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	32/24/ls	32/24/ls	28/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Othk	Friday Hi/Lo/Othk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Othk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Othk	Monday Hi/Lo/Othk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Othk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Othk
Bancroft	14/7/ls	18/6/sh	16/5/pc	17/7/pc	19/7/sh	17/8/sh	14/6/pc
Barrie	13/8/ls	18/7/sh	17/6/pc	17/8/pc	19/8/sh	17/8/sh	14/7/pc
Dorset	14/7/ls	18/6/sh	16/5/pc	17/7/pc	19/8/sh	17/7/sh	14/6/pc
Haliburton	14/7/ls	18/5/sh	16/4/pc	17/7/pc	19/7/sh	17/7/sh	14/6/pc
Huntsville	14/8/ls	18/5/sh	16/4/pc	17/8/pc	19/7/sh	17/8/sh	14/5/pc
Kingston	13/9/cl	17/9/sh	17/7/pc	18/9/pc	18/11/sh	16/9/sh	14/7/pc
Lindsay	13/9/ls	19/7/sh	16/6/pc	17/8/pc	19/9/sh	17/8/sh	14/6/pc
Minden	14/8/ls	18/6/sh	16/5/pc	17/8/pc	19/7/sh	17/8/sh	14/6/pc
Oshawa	13/9/ls	19/7/sh	17/7/pc	18/8/pc	18/10/sh	16/9/sh	14/7/pc
Ottawa	17/10/pc	14/12/sh	17/9/sh	19/10/pc	18/10/sh	17/9/sh	14/6/pc
Toronto	13/10/ls	21/8/sh	17/7/pc	18/9/pc	18/10/sh	16/9/sh	14/7/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Othk	Friday Hi/Lo/Othk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Othk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Othk	Monday Hi/Lo/Othk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Othk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Othk
Calgary	19/8/su	19/7/su	18/9/su	21/10/pc	21/11/pc	20/10/ls	18/8/pc
Edmonton	20/11/su	21/12/pc	22/9/sh	23/10/sh	24/11/cl	21/9/ls	18/8/sh
Fredericton	11/1/pc	14/6/cl	9/2/pc	17/6/pc	18/7/pc	16/4/sh	13/3/sh
Halifax	11/2/su	14/7/cl	9/2/pc	14/5/pc	15/4/pc	14/3/sh	11/4/sh
Montreal	17/10/pc	14/13/sh	17/9/sh	20/10/pc	19/11/sh	17/8/sh	15/7/pc
Regina	18/5/su	21/8/su	22/7/sh	22/8/pc	24/9/pc	27/10/pc	24/8/ls
St. John's	6/2/cl	8/3/cl	4/1/pc	6/3/pc	7/2/pc	6/0/mx	6/1/sh
Saskatoon	20/10/pc	23/12/pc	24/7/sh	23/8/pc	25/10/pc	26/11/ls	23/10/ls
Vancouver	18/8/su	19/9/su	19/11/su	13/6/pc	14/7/sh	12/8/sh	12/6/sh
Whitehorse	10/1/pc	15/1/pc	14/2/pc	14/1/sh	16/2/cl	11/1/pc	12/0/cl
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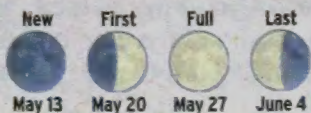
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Tues. 5:42 a.m./8:40 p.m.	9:56 a.m./12:29 a.m.
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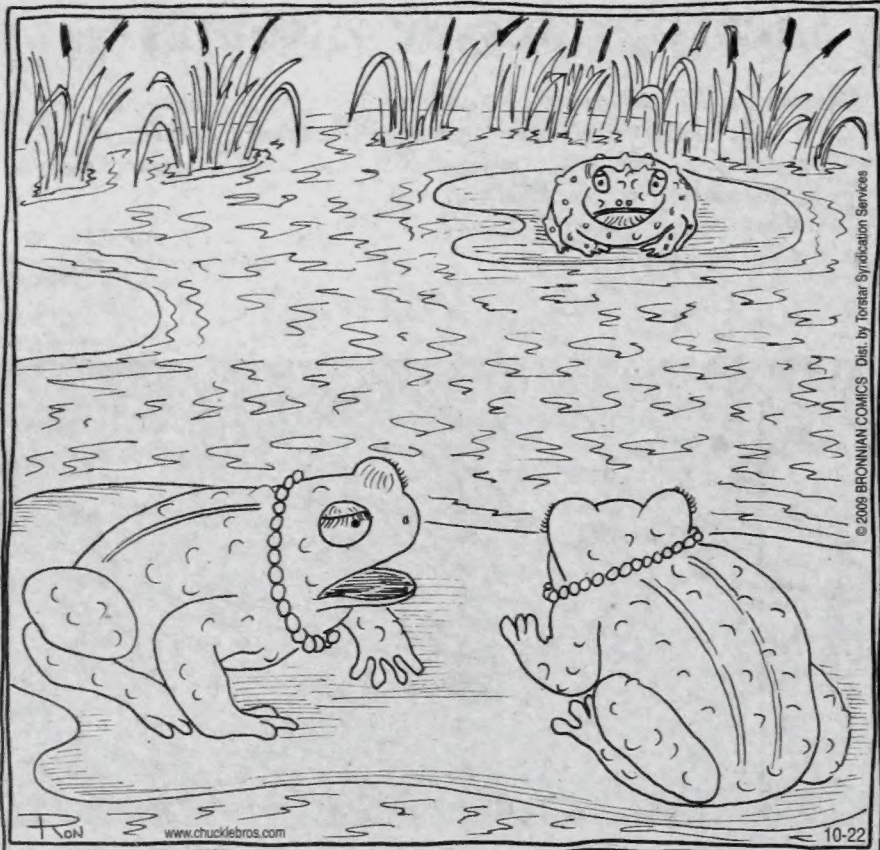
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"It has come to my attention that her husband is now running for councillor at large."

Does anyone else find it a little ironic that Shelley Houser has for the past several months been writing letters to the editor suggesting that in this election year, everyone should get out and vote and replace all the current members of council? It has come to my attention that her husband is now running for councillor at large. It is also my understanding that candidates are not to campaign before filing a nomination!

As for Ms. Houser's comments in last week's letter to The Voice, I would like to dispel some of her accusations. I was in attendance for the 2010 budget meeting where Barb Reid accused the township of spending \$133,000 more than in 2009 for employee benefits. It was at this meeting that Lorrie Blanchard, the treasurer for the township, explained to Ms. Reid her errors in math and questioned how Ms. Reid came about with her numbers because they didn't make sense. Although Ms. Blanchard explained in a very detailed manner what the actual numbers were, Ms. Reid was unwilling to hear the truth.

As for Ms. Houser suggesting the township went against its own purchasing policy when renewing the OCWA contract, it is my understanding (and the understanding of Municipal Affairs) that the township was in its full legal right to RENEW a contract with someone they were happy with without tendering.

Now, to top it all off, Ms. Reid has formed a "slate" with three of her good friends to run for council in Minden Hills (Shelley Houser's spouse being one of them). Their flyer states that they all agree on similar issues. They are all already for "The Barb Reid Team". Is it smart to allow four people to be on council that are always going to agree on issues? Shouldn't the ratepayers have SOME say?

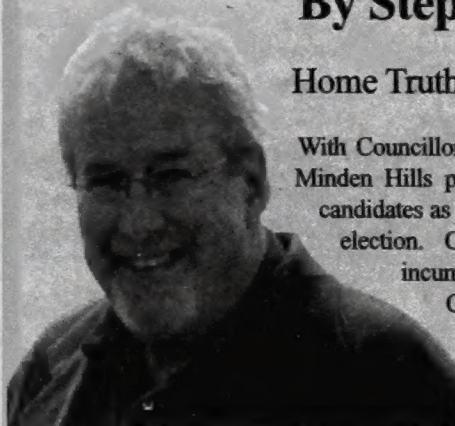
I urge ratepayers to think very long and hard about not only the issues, but who they are supporting in this election.

Julie Klockhoff
Minden

Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Home Truths, Gremlins, and Mea Culpas



With Councillor Barb Reid leading the charge, a group of Minden Hills political hopefuls have decided to run four candidates as a "Vision 2010" slate in this fall's municipal election. Councillor Reid will take on long-time incumbent Reeve Jim McMahon, while Larry Clarke will challenge Councillor at Large Peter Oyler (if he decides to run), Brigitte Gall will challenge Lisa Schell in Ward 1, and Ken Redpath will join two others in an effort to succeed Reid in Ward 2.

This quartet will have their work cut out for them, for sure. The history of running a slate of candidates for municipal office in Ontario is a bleak one, to say the least. There's something about the most local of elections that seem to put voters off any hint of a slate, coalition, or heaven forbid, an official political party being involved. Constituents want their representatives to be beholden only to them – not to any other group, in office or not. This isn't to say that there would be any attempt by the "Vision 2010" folks to vote the same way all the time, for example, but if not, why run a slate in the first place? No doubt they're all capable of independent thought, but they must make it clear that no votes will be forced by any collective "Vision".

Meanwhile, in Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al, many potential candidates are waiting to see just who is going to run for Reeve and Deputy Reeve (in Dysart) before they tip their hand. Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey will announce his intentions shortly and then the dominoes will begin to fall. Thus far only Bob Nichol has announced his interest in the Deputy Reeve position while incumbent Bill Davis bides his time: if Mr. Fearrey decides to step down, Dysart could be in for a wild run by any number of candidates for the two top positions. In Algonquin Highlands there's much behind the scenes wailing and gnashing of teeth over just who will take the plunge and run for Reeve, now that it's assumed that Eleanor Harrison will retire. But many cottage association meetings are just around the corner, which should force more than a few possible contenders out of the woods. And in Highlands East, there's going to be a fine tussle for the Reeve's job between incumbent Dave Burton and Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie.

All in all, this summer and fall is guaranteed to simmer with local political intrigue, which is great news for all of us shameless media types who like nothing better than a good dose of political anger and angst. And thanks to all candidates who are brave enough to put their names forward for these demanding jobs.

Some Mea Culpas

Last week we lauded the inspiring entrepreneurship of Michael and Sean Hooley in Minden (new owners of the Rockcliffe) and Maarten Steinkamp in Haliburton (new owner of McKeck's, Applejacks, and now Aniz). However, we managed to leave out the businessman who really started this trend almost a decade ago, i.e. Shawn Chamberlin, owner of the Dominion Hotel and the Grill on the Gull in Minden. Chamberlin has invested heavily in this community, and his success should certainly have been recognized.

Next up, the typo gremlins got into our story on the Lutterworth fire last week: Fire Chief Doug Schell points out that it took "three hours" to subdue the blaze, not "three houses", which is good news for all concerned.

And most importantly, the Voice and our Municipal Affairs reporter Liz Danielsen would like to apologize to Minden Hills Councillor at Large Peter Oyler for reporting last week that he "flipped the bird" to Council as he voted on a motion. Oyler has vehemently denied he made the offensive gesture, and we are genuinely sorry for the error. ■

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Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

British Petroleum's Plans for Canada

As BP's oily haemorrhage continues to bleed the American economy and its environment, many Canadians wonder whether a similar disaster could strike here. And I'm alarmed to learn that we've already headed down that slippery slope. In our pristine Arctic, no less. Here, drifting icebergs pose a threat to oil-rigs.

Without any fanfare, British Petroleum has quietly become one of the largest landholders in our Canadian Arctic. As well, this foreign-owned company recently spent \$1.2 billion for an exclusive drilling licence to explore for oil under Canada's Beaufort Sea—in a lease sale conducted by our own federal government. That's a lot of money to spend for a corporation that's "just looking."

No sooner had BP plucked this prize plum, did it begin pressuring Canada's National Energy Board (NEB) for exemptions to its oil-drilling rules. Just to squeeze out that rich black juice at the lowest possible cost.

The offending regulations? For the past 35 years, the NEB has required oil companies to prove their ability to create an emergency relief well within the same season as an oil leak. Essential, but tough to do. So, BP, along with other companies, continues to lobby the NEB to drop this vital safeguard. Will Prime Minister Harper cave in to the muscling of Big Oil?

When questioned last week, Stephen Harper said the NEB's rules would not be weakened. But with his recent pledge to turn Canada into an "energy superpower" his resolve may be tested. And if your concern is more for dollars and cents than ducks and whales, consider this: oil companies rarely cover the entire cost of their spills. BP's own limit of liability in the current crisis in the Gulf of Mexico is a mere \$75 million. That will leave the majority of the clean-up costs, and legal bills, to stain the taxpayers' tab.

Susanne Lauten
Candidate, Green Party of Canada
Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

Dear Editor:

re: "Hundreds of Dogs Rescued" by Zoe Cittern

I am writing in response to this article, as I think some valuable information needs to be included.

I am a First Nation man from the community of Nibinamik First Nation, also known as Summer Beaver. It is a fly-in reserve community in the farthest reaches of Northwestern Ontario, 300 km south of Hudson Bay. I remember growing up during the 1960's when my father, who was a trapper, had a team of dogs. His team consisted of 5 or 6 dogs and they were his means of transportation to check his trapline. He would also use the dog team to pull the sled to go fishing, hunting, hauling wood, or travelling to the Hudson Bay trading post. The dogs were treated very well, as they were working dogs that were a vital means of transportation and essential for survival.

Upon the introduction of the Ski-doo, dogs (generally speaking) fell to the wayside, as they became unnecessary. Ski-doos were faster, and required less work. Since the dogs' roles prior to the Ski-doo were related to work, they were not pets in the same way as in southern communities. It should be noted that nowadays, while the southern concept of pet ownership is not as prevalent in northern communities, some dogs are kept by families and are considered pets; while few are tied up, they tend to stay near their own territory. Others, however, are left to fend for themselves, resulting in dogs that are starving, breeding excessively and, in some cases, running in packs—if dogs become feral it is a significant public health hazard. The main method of Band intervention is a dog culling, which usually occurs once or twice yearly.

There are, of course, problems with this "solution." It does not prevent the remaining animals from reproducing. Also, when the dog shoot comes around, it is extremely stressful for community members, especially the children who have affection for the dogs, to know the dogs are being shot and killed.

The children are often the ones who claim "ownership" of the dogs. They bond with the puppies early on and bring them home. Families in the remote north, however, need to prioritize between feeding their children or feeding the dog. People who are financially able to care for their dogs will do so, but with high unemployment, the exorbitant cost of living (a 2 litre carton of milk can cost up to and above \$10), and lack of living space in First Nation communities, this is very difficult to do. Further, when some families face the stresses of alcoholism, drug abuse, or domestic violence there is often an abusive trickle-down effect that ends with the dogs; the dogs are sometimes targeted by those who are weaker, because they cannot fight back.

It is great to see people in southern communities becoming increasingly aware of the seriousness of this issue, and are willing to work to re-locate dogs. I have participated in dog rescues with the help of various people and groups to try to control the dog population. In the end, though, this is actually a Band-aid approach, as it does not promote animal control at the source. It also moves the problem from one location to another, and animal overpopulation exists in the south, as well. Therefore a better solution is a spay-neuter program.

In my community, the Chief and Council recently passed a Band Council Resolution that "recognizes the concern of ineffective animal control...due to limited access to veterinary services [and] understands the need to have a spay/neuter clinic...to control the animal population." This program is a far more humane approach to the dog shoot or re-location, which can be stressful for dogs (some dogs may not adapt to southern life, run the risk of not finding a permanent home, or being put down).

The spay/neuter program would consist of a team of vet/s and assistants that travel to a northern community and perform animal sterilization on a voluntary basis, provided that the Band and Council allows access to a facility, offers accommodation, and contributes some money for the project.

I have always felt there is a dire need for us to care for our animals. Deeper social problems that exist among the people are often most evident in the condition of the animals; if we cannot care for our animals, how can we effectively care for ourselves?

Sincerely,
Moses (Amik) Beaver, First Nation Artist ■

Water Levels Continue to Cause Concern

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levels for this time of year, at least according to TSW calculations, most of the larger reservoir lakes appeared to be very close to historic lows for the same period.

But a call to Ness provided more accurate and updated information. "Last week the reservoir lakes overall were at 78 percent full and close to their normal summer levels, and while we're still gathering information, I suspect that with the recent rains, we are likely closer to the mid 80's (percent full) as of this week."

Ness said, "The big thing is that the reservoir lakes within the upper Gull Region (Lakes like Twelve Mile, Horseshoe and the Gull) are in pretty good shape and even though Moore Lake is showing low levels we now deem it to be 96 percent full, or an inch below full."

Ness said that Gull Lake, considered to be at an all time

low and reported to look like the Bay of Fundy at low tide early in April, is now 10 centimetres from being full.

Kennis Lake was considered by Ness to still be low at 73 percent full or 77 centimetres below its full level as of Monday morning. Drag Lake, where some concerns have been heard was at 91 percent full, or 16 centimetres below full and Ness said, "Drag should be in pretty good shape at this point."

Ness said that lakes that don't experience a lot of fluctuation, may seem low even if they are only off by a bit.

"Lakes like Hawk Lake that can be down 10 feet in the fall may not appear to be too bad when they are down two feet, but on other lakes it would be significant."

According to Ness, however, there are some lakes like Koshlong at 73 percent full that are very low. "Koshlong is considered to be the lowest lake in the Burnt River system based on percentages. Kushog, at 65 percent full, is not as low as Kennis which is approximately 2 1/2 feet below its full level."

Ness said that it was hard to compare lake levels, particularly when it came to lakes like Kushog vs. Kennis. "If you're looking at the difference, Kennis is 77 centimetres below the full level but the ranges on the lakes are different. Some lakes have a five foot differential while others have a 15 foot differential. If each is down a foot the lake with five foot differential is a larger percentage base differential. It depends on whether we're talking about percentages versus the distance from the full level."

Based on other years, Ness said that the TSW was a bit behind in their operations in terms of where they are with storage volumes within the Haliburton reservoir lakes. "But it's not as bad as 1999 which was a bad year for filling reservoir lakes. On the other hand, the levels are not as high as we've seen in recent years, which is part of the reason why people are feeling the difference."

Ness spoke of the amounts of snow and rain during the Springs of 2008 and 2009. "Compared to the long term averages, this year we have had very little rain, at least until recently."

When asked what the TSW might do to mitigate concerns, Ness only said that there had been some fairly significant rainfall over the last week. "It will be interesting to see what happens with these recent rainfalls."

Ness said that by overfilling the Kawartha Lakes, they would be able to delay drawing water from the reservoir lakes for longer than normal. He also said that the new stop logs throughout the Haliburton Region would help considerably with the amount of leakage at the dams.

"We're counting on rainfall and we still have a decent month of rainfall season remaining. It can come quickly and in large amounts," he said.

According to Ness, one thing worth mentioning was the general public's perception that each year is much the same. However, he said that the Burnt River system all the way to Cameron Lake had the lowest peak flow in 52 years which really speaks to just how dry it has been. "There has been record low precipitation for those two months."

Despite the numbers being slightly outdated late last week, Ness assured the Voice that residents should continue to check their website (www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern) for updated information on water levels. ■



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Staff Reporter

Municipal Election Update ... Burton Runs Again for Reeve

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Although it is still early days for the 2010 municipal election, more and more names are starting to be filed as candidates across the County and over the past week the competition appears to be intensifying, particularly in Minden Hills and Highlands East where jockeying for the top position will likely become a hard won battle for the successful candidate.

Incumbent Reeve Dave Burton has officially declared his desire to retain his standing as Reeve of Highlands East. Burton would bring considerable experience to the position as he gained valuable knowledge of Council responsibility before relocating to Wilberforce, something that has only been reinforced by the last four years as Reeve and two terms as Warden of Haliburton County.

In addition to that, last year Burton was elected to the position of Chair of the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, is a Director of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a member of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and finally a member of two Source Water Protection Boards. Burton has also been an active member of the Highlands East Fire Department throughout his term on Council.

Burton places a lot of emphasis on continuing to develop high speed Internet throughout Haliburton County and has been working with the EOWC on a project that will bring high speed connectivity to at least 90 percent of the county's population, something that will enhance both existing businesses and new business opportunities, not only in Highlands East, but throughout Haliburton County.

Under Burton's leadership, the Highlands East Council promoted a province wide moratorium on uranium exploration and mining and saw the completion of a wide variety of infrastructure projects on roads and bridges sadly in need of repair and upgrade. During Burton's term the Council conducted both a detailed organizational review of the municipality, initiated a strategic planning process and worked to legalize ATV travel on municipal roads.

Burton spoke with particular pride of the two very special events held last month to celebrate the 100th birthdays of Highlands East residents, Mabel Winder and Ted Deterling. He also commented that he was immeasurably pleased for the Council to have honoured two past Reeves by naming the arena the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena and the Gooderham Community Centre after Robert (Bob) McCausland.

When asked what he hoped to achieve if successful in the next term, Burton said, "I will strive to plan and manage change that will provide the greatest protection and benefit to this unique and beautiful community of Highlands East."

His overall campaign platform is a promise to provide professional and experienced leadership. Burton has been a consistent presence at every meeting at both levels of government and has assured the Voice that his commitment to continued service to his constituents and the county will not waver.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie was the first candidate to toss his hat into the ring for the position of Reeve of Highlands East and there will likely be a fierce competition between the two incumbent candidates as they have not seen eye to eye from time to time over the past four years.

Mackie, who is also a member of the municipality's fire department, started his political career in 2006 when he successfully ran for the position of Ward 1 (Cardiff) Councillor. Subsequent to his election, the Council appointed Mackie as their Deputy Reeve. Coincidentally according to Burton, it was his vote that split a tie and put Mackie into the position of Deputy. As well as fulfilling his responsibilities in Highlands East, Mackie attends County Council meetings as often as his work schedule allows and is an active member of the County's Emergency Medical Services Committee.

While he has made public statements about the need for greater transparency, when asked what his vision for Highlands East is, Mackie said that he would prefer to make a statement when he knew the extent of his opposition.

Jack Bartholomew of Wilberforce is the third candidate for the position of Reeve in Highlands East and while Bartholomew is new to the political arena he has a set of skills that he feels will benefit the community.

Bartholomew has a business background, specializing in retail technology solutions and point of sales. He has worked for several technology companies and was president of his own point of sales business. Just prior to retirement, Bartholomew was the President of a national manufacturer.

"That leads into some of the leadership qualities and strengths that I have which are key to politics. I have always been good at bringing people together to work as part of a team," he said.

Bartholomew noted that there appears to be a lot of challenges in Highlands East, and not only at the Ward level. "There seems to be a lack of harmony between the members of Council and I believe I have the ability to bring things together as a team. Ward work is important but the big picture requires leadership and a team spirit and we are responsible for the community as a whole."

Bartholomew, who has been part of the community for years as a cottager and a permanent resident for the last eight years said, "I

have always had an interest in local politics and now I have the time to give; something that was instrumental in my decision to run as Reeve."

When asked what he hoped to achieve if successful, Bartholomew said that it would be premature to make any statements at this point. "I haven't progressively started my campaign yet as I have had some personal items to take care of, but if I had the choice of words that would best describe what to do it would be to become more proactive as a team rather than reactive. I think that I have some ideas that will bring things into the community whether it involves kids or seniors."

Bartholomew spoke of statistics that suggested a rapidly increasing rate of seniors across Canada. "That growing senior community requires some things to be done at the local level and they will unfold as the campaign moves along."

Bartholomew said he was very excited about this opportunity to work hard to represent the people of Highlands East.

Barry Dickinson of Cardiff has also filed his papers as a candidate for Ward 1 Councillor in Highlands East. At present Dickinson is the only candidate in Ward 1.

Meanwhile, the Vision 2010 Team, which is a slate of candidates running in Minden Hills, is offering some strong competition for both incumbents and hopefuls running for the same positions. Ward 2 incumbent Barbara Reid has declared her intention to run for the position of Reeve against incumbent Reeve Jim McMahon. Joining Reid are Larry Clarke, who is running for Councillor at Large, Brigitte Gall as Ward 1 Councillor and Ken Redpath as Ward 2 Councillor. (See 'Vision 2010 Team Runs for Council' in this issue.)

In Dysart et al, incumbent Andrea Roberts has once again filed her papers for the position of Ward 1 Councillor. Jim Henwood has also filed to run against Roberts for the same position.

Finally, in Algonquin Highlands, all is quiet, at least for now.

Cheque Boosts Foundations Efforts



The Order of the Eastern Star, Highland Chapter 230 presented Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation with a \$1,000 cheque last Thursday afternoon. The Eastern Star has over the years contributed \$19,490 to the foundation.

From left, Mel Smith warder, Lorna Hicks star point, foundation campaign co-chair Don Popple, executive director of the HHHSF Dale Walker, Worthy Patron Ron Mark, Worthy Matron Margaret Mark, chaplain Bernice Schroter, star point Neva Hobden and treasurer of the Order of the Eastern Star R. Paul Johnson. ■

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Vision 2010 Team Announces Candidacy in Minden Hills

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will run for Councillor at Large, Brigitte Gall, running in Ward 1, and Ken Redpath, who hopes to succeed Reid in Ward 2.

Reid, who is seeking the position of Reeve, introduced the group saying that the move to run a slate of candidates was not unprecedented, but different for Minden Hills. She said, "When I started to talk about the challenges facing Minden Hills and the opportunities that we have here, word got out that there was a group of like minded people who shared a common vision."

The Vision 2010 Team's platform includes plans for economic development, for financial management and for engaging the community. "At the top of the list for economic development is the belief that we think Minden Hills has a unique opportunity as the geographic gateway into Haliburton County to get on the front foot and actively market our community," said Reid.

"We need to get out there and shop Minden to national retail chains and get them excited about the opportunities here. We believe that the construction of the Canadian Tire store is an extremely important event that signals to the retail world that Minden Hills is open for business and we'd like to talk to those that might want to get in on the ground floor, while creating an opportunity to increase the municipality's commercial tax base."

Reid, who has cottaged on Gull Lake for years but recently moved to the community full time, said that the team wanted to work closely with the business community to help them prosper and develop. She also spoke of the importance of the arts community in Minden Hills and the need to continue to support the arts. Reid said that the existing Council had done a good job in supporting the arts community and stressed the need to continue with that support.

While recognizing the importance of the Highway 35 bypass, Reid also stressed the need to find ways to bring traffic and visitors into a "charming downtown core. However, unless you know what's here, it's hard to encourage people to come off the highway."

Moving into a discussion about finances, Reid said, "A key part of our vision is financial management. This team believes that we need to 'right size'. We need to do what we do for less."

Reid spoke of rising costs over the last four years. She said, "We are a small community, but the tax levy has increased by more than a million dollars or 32 percent during the past four years. For a community of our size that is a huge number. We can't keep going to back to the taxpayers and asking for things like a 25 percent increase in employee benefits in one year alone. We need to find a way to spend less on more."

When asked if she was talking about a tax freeze, Reid said she was talking about minimizing tax increases. "But we can't do that until we dig into each and every department and take a zero base approach. We can't decide how to save money until we fully understand what our situation really is."

According to Reid the rate of increases in the tax levy has put residents in a very compromising position. "We want to create a culture of accountability to make people understand how and why we are spending; for it not to be a secret and to ensure that we're getting best value for our tax dollars. Everyone must be assured at the end of the day that the best financial decisions are being made."

Finally, Reid said that the team had a vision for engaging the community. She said it is their plan to be proactive in holding informal town hall meetings without the normal constraints of a Council meeting. "We need another venue to have an open exchange with the public."

Acknowledging that there are a number of challenges for youth in the area, Reid said that there is a need for more proactive engagement with the youth to keep them connected and off the streets.

Brigitte Gall, who is committed to youth programming and sustainable youth employment, spoke up and said that the Dam Music Shop was as perfect example of a young couple who could hire young people. "We could invite them to the table to help us engage the youth and see what they'd like to see in the community." Gall suggested using cooperative work

programs as a method of attracting youth. She said, "We need to make them feel wanted, not like hooligans."

Larry Clarke, who is a full time resident in Haliburton County and a Gull Lake cottager, spoke of the importance of economic development opportunities in the community and growing from within the community as well as leveraging the gateway aspect of Minden Hills. He also emphasized that the healthier the community is, the more opportunity for investment.

When asked if the team was interested in adding to their slate of candidates if there were three more people with the same approach, Reid said, "If people come forward with a desire to join the team we would consider that. We hope to see people become inspired even if they're not part of our team. The main thing is to identify what will make the community healthier and we'd like to get the message out that we're looking for anyone to come forward that wants to make a change in the community."

Ken Redpath commented on the importance of finding a way to pay for things without going to the taxpayers, saying, "It's critical to get a handle on the financial management of the community and know how you stand at all times, not just at the end of the year." Redpath also said that a large surplus is not necessarily healthy as it is an indication that the rate payers have been charged too much or that an opportunity had been lost.

Redpath said that he had been a cottager on Moore Lake for 50 years and hadn't been in a position to do too much even though he had felt for years that a better job could have been done with Minden's tax dollars. "Now that I'm living here full time I have a bit more time. I think that I have a set of skills that will be useful to the community and at this point I'd like to give something back to the community."

Clark has more than 20 years of management experience in government, professional and service industries. He said that he saw being on Council as an opportunity to foster change. "I see a Council that means well, but they need a stronger skill set when it comes to management, engaging the community, being more transparent and developing priorities that will allow people to take ownership of the community."

Gall, a candidate for Ward 1, moved to Minden Hills in 1999 and has been an active member of both the arts community and the community at large. She spoke of the changing demographics of the community where more and more people, particularly young families are moving to the area full time. "Those people need to have a greater voice."

When asked why she had made the decision to run for the position of Reeve, Reid said, "If you asked me eight months ago if I would run again, I would have said you were crazy. It's been an arduous 3 1/2 years. I came in as a new Councillor with some idea of how things worked, but I have developed a vision of what municipal government can accomplish and how to engage the community to do that. The penny dropped with the audacious thought that if I have that vision I should go for the top job and give it my best."

Reid admitted that it would be much easier to run for Ward 2 Councillor and that she was putting herself out on a limb, but she said that a radical change was needed on Council. "Do I have any trepidation? Absolutely! Jim McMahon has been Reeve for a long time and is very well known and liked, so there's a lot of risk in this move for me, but if you don't have the courage to lead ..."

"We have five months to get our message out and on October 25th, the people will decide."

If you'd like to meet these candidates and talk to them about community issues, the Vision 2010 Team will be holding their first meet and greet on Saturday, May 29th at the Lions Hall (on Bobcaygeon Road near the Cultural Centre) from 10:00 to noon. ■

Call Out for Volunteers....

McKeck's Smile Festival receives outstanding support

McKecks aka The Smile Festival would like to send out a big thank you to the people of Haliburton, for the generous volunteer offerings that have been coming in to help with our big SMILE project on Saturday, August 7th. Smile is "The Haliburton Music and Comedy Festival". Any kind of commitment is greatly, greatly, greatly appreciated. We know we can't pull this off without assistance from the community and to have such an early "jump to arms" response from the town has been well, jaw dropping.

On Saturday May 15th at 4 pm we are having a meeting for all volunteers at McKecks. And we are doing a call out for more people if you know of anyone who might be interested in helping out as well. We hope to be able to specifically ask for your assistance in certain areas at that time. Please feel free to email us with any questions at bookwithsean@gmail.com. Thank you again from SMILE.

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Paternity Suite

By Zoe Cittern



Images of fatherhood in popular culture stray from one stereotype to another; from the cookie cutter representations of a man pitching a baseball to his young son to harsh images of teenage boys abandoning their baby's.

Local artist Laurie O'Reilly recently debut her images representing fatherhood at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. Instead of indulging in stereotypes they drew inspiration from O'Reilly's own family members and the link they all have to fatherhood.

Laurie Jones, curator of the gallery, met O'Reilly two years ago after she had finished a painting entitled Home on Leave. For Laurie the painting, "captured something of the bittersweet loss I feel knowing my Dad and I are both grownups now." After the meeting the idea of the collection of paintings came together and the rest of the acrylic paintings were born.

Images of a young man brandishing the 1980s horror film Child's Play t-shirt standing next to a child are two starkly different images yet offer the true reality of one representation of fatherhood. O'Reilly says, "I've always painted young people, their stories are really interesting, they are in a transitional phase of their life and that appeals to me."

Another set of pictures display a father away at war, for O'Reilly it was centered around her nephew who at the time was on tour in Iraq. The U.S army gives soft dolls with a plastic cut out head to children whose parents are away from home. The children can insert a photograph of their parent into the head of the doll to bring comfort to the child. O'Reilly captured a child holding the toy which was the same one that her nephew's daughter had been given. The painter explains, "They give it to the child for comfort however it was ironic as my nephew couldn't actually be there to comfort her."

O'Reilly herself has two young boys whom she used as models. A member of her family who "has very scary tattoos on his arms was cradling his daughter, it was such a sweet image but the two together are starkly different." The artist says that she simply tells stories through the pictures she creates, some images highlight a child raising a child and others show a religious notion of fatherhood. "The pictures are general enough that anyone can relate to them. It's the reality of fatherhood, life is complicated and it's not the romanticism of the idea." That un-romantic view is what is so appealing about O'Reilly's work and that brings the viewer closer to the subject. We have all seen those images of fatherhood in real life and she has brought it to us as permanent fixtures.

O'Reilly is next looking at social interaction. It took her two years to complete the acrylic paintings that hang in the Rails End.

The Paternity Suite collection also showed the short art film entitled, The Dance of Death. Edited and shot by Julian Van Mil and composed by his brother Eric it was produced in collaboration with their father, local artist Al Van Mil. The film narration used W.H Auden's 1936 work, Death's Echo, read by actor John Neville.

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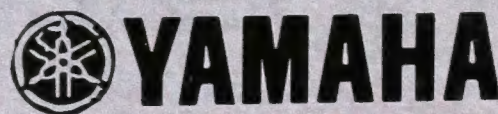
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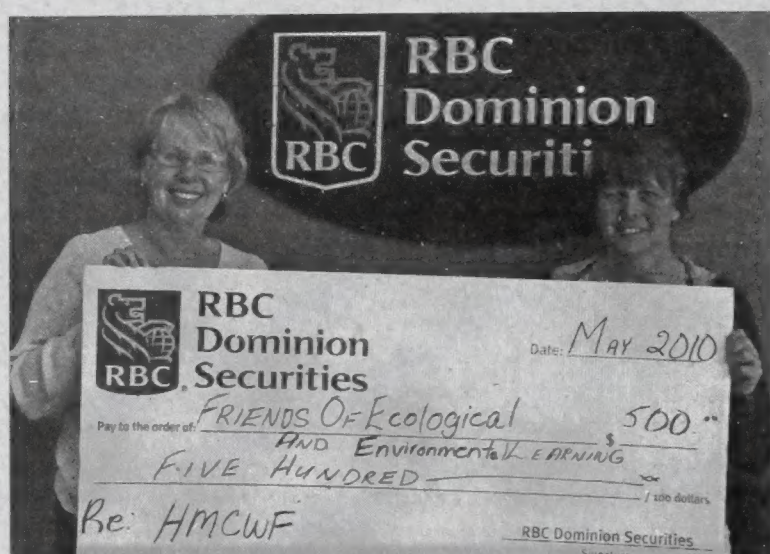


Legion Contest Winners Receive Recognition

Comrade Elaine Davison and Padre Merv Everall from Minden Legion Branch #636 were at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on April 28th to award prizes and certificates to the junior and intermediate winners of the Remembrance poster, poems and essay contest. Entries were down 80 percent from last year, but Davis and Everall congratulated the students on the quality of the entries they had submitted.

This year's winners and runners up were: Connor Davies, Nichole Honderich, Cassidy Havill, Stephanie Walker, Lisa Kim, Emma Lavery, Brandon Yurek, Owen MacKeigan, Joel Fedeski, Alyssa Sisson, Jenna Hughes, Jacey Baldry, Emma Cox, Savannah MacAusland, Brenna Hie, Gabriel Petric, Brittany Wheeler, Andrew Hall, Leah Berry, Madison Allore, Tiffany Wheeler, Jonathon Guild and Dominique Douglas. Two students, Nichole Honderich and Emma Lavery also placed 3rd at zone level. ■

Water Festival Get's Help from RBC



RBC Dominion Securities donated \$500 to Haliburton Muskoka Children's Water Festival. It was their second annual contribution. HMCWF was started in 2005 and is a two day festival held in September which averages 350 kids a day from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board area. The HMCWF is a project under Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning.

From left; Beth O'Connor Investment Advisor from RBC Dominion Securities hands the cheque to Irene Heaven, coordinator from HMCWF. ■

Wolves and the Wood

Last Saturday The Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve hosted an open house so visitors and residents of the area could sample what happens on a regular basis at the reserve.

The reserves main objectives are sustainability and preservation. Logging is conducted on an extensive scale and in a way that improves the quality of the forest, a major reversal of past practices. Rather than taking the best wood, the company's foresters mark and take out the low quality and mature trees. The result will be a very high quality, healthy forest for the future. Haliburton Forest's management practices have attracted international acclaim, resulting in the awarding of Canada's first FSC environmental certification.



Phil Primavera, carpenter at the woodshop, sits on the custom made couch he created.

Visitors to the centre on Saturday could visit the 120 Siberian huskies that live at the centre, experience the logging museum, taste treats from the Cookhouse, meet the logging horses and scale trees under the supervision of an instructor amongst other activities.

Cameron Ferguson an instructor at the Forest Reserve came to teach the outdoor education program at the facility after his work as an arborist led him there. Climbing trees as tall as 120ft Cameron said the day was a chance for those who aren't just visitors but residents of the area to "see what really happens at the forest and to get a hands on approach. Everyone in the county

knows that we are here but the open house shows the public what we do here every day." Cameron showed visitors to the centre on Saturday how to climb trees in a safe and effective manner. "We all probably grew up climbing trees when we were younger but at the centre we teach visitors how to do it safely and the canopy tours are a great way to experience the outdoors."

The centre is open year round, in the colder months patrons can experience dog sledding, snow shoeing, and snowmobiling and when the snow melts canopy tours and mountain bike adventures are to be explored. Overall there is a wealth of activities available to be experienced.

Last Saturday also marked the grand opening of the Forests' Woodshop. Twenty three wood species in the Haliburton forest are logged commercially and what isn't sold the reserve is putting to good measure. Donna Gagnon who works at the retail side of the wood shop says, "We use all aspects of the trees, from the bark to the sawdust so there is very little waste."

Peter and Elke Schleifenbaum owners of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life reserve came up with the idea to use a wood shop to sell wood products from trees that weren't being used. They sell custom lumber and timber for the general public to use along with custom cuts on a small scale. They also hope to invite local craftspeople to become involved in designing products to sell in the wood shop.

On the day of the grand opening a silent auction was held for some antique Irish furniture that the Schleifenbaums shipped over.

The Woodshop is open Monday through Saturdays from 8.30am to 5pm. ■

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Youth Education Annual Awards Night

Students from Haliburton's elementary schools and high school were recognized for their creativity and efforts to make sure that we remember.

Cheques, certificates and awards were handed out at branch 129 in Haliburton this past Friday evening during the annual Youth Education Annual Awards Night. Contest categories included: poster (black and white, colour), essay and public speaking.

For years, the Royal Canadian Legion has sponsored the annual literary and poster contest that is open to all Canadian school children. The youths that participate in the contest assist the Legion in one of their primary goals – fostering the tradition of remembrance amongst Canadians.

Initial judging takes place at the community level by volunteers at local Legion branches and the winning entries progress to judging at the Provincial level. The winning entries at this level are forwarded to Ottawa where they are judged and the national winners declared. The names and work of all the national winners are published.

Below is a full list of winners from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, Stuart Baker Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School:

Poem Contest - Senior category (grades 10-12): 1. Laura Voicey
2. Kaitlin Allore - Intermediate category (grades 7-9): 1. Kristen McKee
2. Darrel Woodley 3. Tom Paul - Junior category (grades 4-6): 1. Cody Williams 2. Victoria Hawley

Essay Contest - Senior category: 1. Kaitlin Allore 2. Jillian Mayhew
- Intermediate category: 1. Brailey Clancy 2. Spencer Trueman 3. Kristen McKee - Junior category: 1. Victoria Hawley 2. Christopher McKee

Poster Contest – Black and White - Intermediate category:
1. Darrel Woodley 2. Travis G. Neville 3. Noelle Russell - Junior category:
1. Cassandra Varty 2. Jessie M. Barry 3. Emma Scheffe - Primary category
(grades 1-3): 1. James Alexander 2. Maya L. Meraw 3. Jacob W.H. O'Neill

Poster Contest – Colour - Senior category: 1. Paige Roberts
Intermediate category: 1. Niklas Barry 2. Noelle Russell 3. Naomi Russell
Junior category: 1. Brooke Stevenson 2. Drew Van Lieshout 3. Kara E. Barry - Primary category: 1. Kurtis Adams 2. Jamie Lynn Evans 3. Martine Perry

Public speaking - Primary: 1. Jocelyn Bretzlaff 2. Jurgen Shantz 3. Alexandra Tait - Honourable Mention: Alex Taylor - Junior: 1. Christine Bishop 2. Victoria Hawley 3. Colt Taylor - Honourable Mention: Joey Davis, Julie McEathron - Intermediate: 1. Sam Tyler



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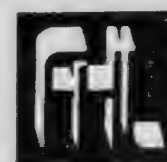
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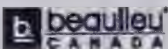
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Zion Church Receives Environmental Award

A local Church was recently honoured with a prestigious award in recognition of their contributions and commitment to the environment.

The Green Sacred Space Award was presented to the Zion United Church in late April during the annual Abraham Festival in Peterborough. This special interfaith festival brings together Christian, Muslim and Jewish congregations.

The theme of the festival this year was 'One Planet United in Faith' expressing the need for renewing the earth, living faithfully and living green. The festival brought together faith leaders, environmental educators and Green Sacred Spaces for celebration and discussions on the planet.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation funded Greening Sacred Spaces, a practical provincial program that helps faith communities make concrete actions toward building energy efficiency and sustainable communities.

The criteria for the award to a faith group include evidence of awareness and actions in the following categories; spirituality and worship, sacred spaces, grounds and activities and the wider community.

Zion had a green audit completed in 2009 and implemented the report's recommendations including improved blown insulation, thermostat control, new lighting and installed aerators. The Church also follows sustainable practices in the kitchen, diverting waste through recycling and donating organics to local farms. They use strictly non-toxic green cleaning products within the church and durable, reusable dishes for their many events and functions.

After restoring and improving the building's efficiency and changing to more efficient lighting, the Highlands Hills Pastoral Charge learned that the money saved in energy reductions adds up in a short period of time. This reduction in operating cost proved to be valuable motivation in making the initial investments and has enabled the charge to pass on the benefit to others. The Highland Hills Pastoral Charge, which is comprised of the Minden, Maple Lake and Zion United Churches, has donated \$400 to another church to initiate steps to experience and benefit from the Green Audit.

Joan Chapple, Chair of the council at Zion United, noted that the church members have "always recycled and been conscious about the environment yet the audit got us thinking seriously about things we could implement structure wise."

According to Chapple, implementing the new changes it has helped to enhance "the family feeling at the Zion United Church."

"It was also about having fun and getting everyone working together and reaching out to the community." The church plans to carry on with the changes little by little and will be expanding the doors to the Christian Education Building to make it accessible for wheelchair users.

The award must have come as a shock to the Church members, as according to Chapple, "We didn't even know the award existed!" ■

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter



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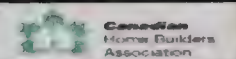
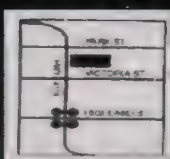
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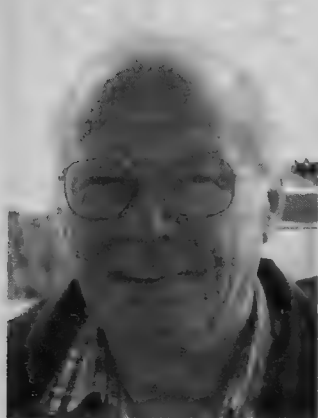


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Have Your Say... VOX POP

Are you disappointed that the Watercolours Condominium development on Head Lake is set to be delayed? Do you think we need more townhouses or senior housing in the county?



George Grant, Eagle Lake

I wouldn't necessarily push the condominiums, if they do go in the septic and filtration system shouldn't be too close to the lake in case it pollutes it. I think there could be more affordable housing in the community.



Greg Cherniak, Tory Hill

Yes I am disappointed, the waterfront needs to be developed I thought it was a great idea. It includes seniors and it's a great piece of property sitting vacant. As demographics change in the community we definitely need more townhouses for those who are unable to manage their houses.



Mary Carbone, Haliburton

I'm not disappointed at all, they are vastly overpriced. They are not geared towards what the area actually needs. We need affordable housing and that's not it. We don't need luxury apartments, people are here for the outdoors, for God's country. We definitely need affordable housing for seniors. We need townhouses with elevators not granite worktops.

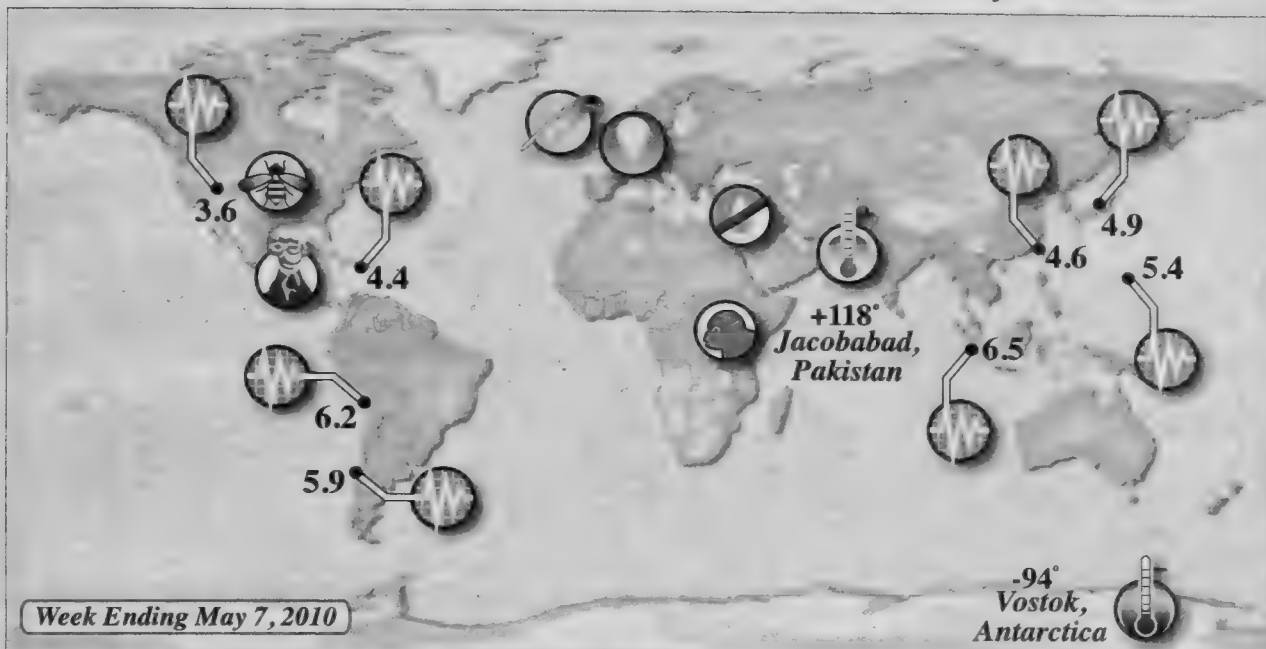


Heather Poppe, Wilberforce

I am disappointed, they are definitely needed, this time last year they were putting such an emphasis on them. People must be waiting to get in there who wanted to buy a condo. We definitely need more townhouses and affordable housing too.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Bee Fatalities Mount



The recent trend of bees dying in great numbers over the winter continued this season with nearly 34 percent of managed American honey bee colonies dying off from last October to April. Beekeepers said the deaths were mainly due to bad weather, starvation and because some bees were already weak before winter set in. Some apiaries said a portion of the deaths were due to the Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), which has devastated hives across the United States and Canada over the past few years. The cause of CCD is still unknown. The latest fatalities compare to a 29 percent loss during the previous winter and a nearly 36 percent loss during the winter of 2007-2008, the Apiary Inspectors of America and the Agricultural Research Service say. Researchers warn such losses are not economically sustainable for beekeepers.

Dwindling Shrine



Large stretches of the famed Jordan River, in which Jesus is said to have been baptized, may have no water left for pilgrims to immerse in by next year, according to a report by Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian scientists. Water diversion far upstream over the past five decades has reduced the once roaring waterway to a mere trickle in some places. What was once the narrowest stretch of the river has now become its widest. Despite efforts by Jordan and Israel to curb the flow of pollution into the biblical river, raw sewage and chemicals from agricultural runoff are now about the only thing flowing into it. The report says that if no wastewater were to enter the lower Jordan River, it would entirely dry up. Visiting Christians are discouraged from re-enacting or conducting baptisms there because of the current level of contamination.

Ugandan Monkey Cull



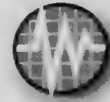
The plan to kill monkeys on a group of islands in the Ugandan portion of Lake Victoria has brought outrage from conservation and environmental groups. The Ssesse Islands are a popular tourist attraction because there are more monkeys there than humans. But farmers say their traditional methods of scaring off the primates no longer work. Local official David Balironda told Agence France Presse that there is a bounty of one dollar for each tail of a dead monkey brought in. Local member of parliament Ruth Nvumetta told the agency that the monkeys have become more troublesome because their forest habitats have been cut down to expand lucrative palm plantations.

Latin Rumbblings



Guatemalan officials restricted air traffic over the country because of ash clouds that suddenly began to spew from two separate volcanoes. An eruption of Santiaguito produced a column of volcanic debris that soared more than 27,000 feet into the Central American skies. Disaster officials said falling ash damaged local crops but caused no human injuries. The eruption was followed by renewed activity within Fuego volcano, located near Guatemala's colonial capital of Antigua. A third active volcano, Pacaya, was releasing gas.

Earthquakes



A sharp quake centered near the Peru-Chile border toppled power poles in the Peruvian city of Tacna. While there were no immediate reports of injuries or fatalities, residents across the region fled outdoors during the strong shaking.

• Earth movements were also felt in central Chile, Haiti, the Northern Mar-

iana Islands, Taiwan, western Japan, western Sumatra and southern Utah.

Light Pollution



A group formed to preserve the character of England's countryside is working to limit the expansion of what it calls unnecessary light sources that pollute the night sky. The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) says its survey of 1,745 people conducted with the British Astronomical Association shows that 50 percent of the respondents say their sleep has been disrupted by nighttime light sources. The group wants stricter controls over street lighting as well as the use of neon and other signage. CPRE campaigner Emma Marrington told the BBC: "The costs of not acting are clear: unnecessarily high energy bills ... more carbon emissions, disrupted sleeping patterns for people, disturbance to wildlife, and a night sky bereft of the majesty of the Milky Way."

Ash Refugee



Scottish bird-watchers have been treated to a visit from an imposing bird of prey that is believed to have been driven from its usual habitat by the massive ash clouds spewed by Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano. The gyrfalcon spotted on the Isle of Lewis since late April has a wingspan of more than 6 feet. "Usually, they hang around in the Arctic Circle and move south a little in winter, but very rarely get to the U.K.," said Royal Society for the Protection of Birds conservation officer Martin Scott. He said the ash also appears to have kept a large number of geese in the Outer Hebrides from being able to migrate to the Arctic.

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Stunning property w both pt lot & Building in sync. for total enjoyment. The Lot has a gentle grade that begins w a rock wall along the driveway to welcome you to the expansive pt facing both S&W for spectacular sunset views. One side is flat rock frontage & deep water all season, the other is a sandy cove for toddler entry in comfort. Natural landscaping & quiet water complete the picture for serenity at its best. The Waterfront home is finished in the best quality, includ. 2 Stone Frpl, hardwood fls, & marble, granite counters, Vaulted ceiling w large Beams, Built in Thermadore Appliances, to introduce only a few.



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Superb Lakefront - \$449,000
Log/frame cottage/home on absolutely fabulous level lot w/sand beach/east exp/big lake view/good privacy. This 2 BR/2 bath (potential for a 3rd. BR) cottage features renovated kit w/cupboards & pine ceiling, bright LR w/river rock stone fp, lots of windows & pic wic pine walls, lg log fam rm, laundry room. Pine ceilings & floors in most of home and pine int. doors. Other features incl log & cedar ext. lg lakeside deck off home & at shore. Good docks, circ. drive, high speed internet. Presently bunkie w/loft being



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Gull River - \$264,900
Bright and spotlessly clean best describes this lovely 3 bdrm cottage/home. Totally winterized and well kept offering upgraded windows thru-out and a great double care garage. This new listing comes complete from the dishes to the linen, all furniture and 5 nice appliances, lawn tractor even the boat & motor are included. Just move in your clothes and you be all set to go. Nestled on a private level lot thats been lovingly landscaped. Call to view today



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North Pigeon Lake - \$249,500
Spacious three bedroom Cottage, fully winterized for four season use. Wonderful big lake view with southern exposure. Docking and access to Pigeon Lake across Deep Bay road. Featuring a stone fireplace in the living room, sauna, large hot tub and a detached workshop/garage with sundeck above. Very private four acre property. Newly shingled roof. Excellent fishing, boating and swimming await!!



South Lake - \$269,500
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Beech River - \$309,900
Four season residential home on Beech River with boating into a 3 lake chain that includes Boshkung, Little Boshkung and Twelve Mile. The lot is very private and at the end of a township maintained road. The Beech River hiking trail is just steps away. The house is a 3 + 1 bedroom, 2 bath house, screened in porch, full finished walk out basement. In a great area with easy access to amenities.



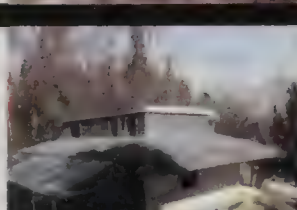
In Town Home - \$129,900
The perfect place for those couples that are just starting out, or looking to retire. The 3 bedroom house is well laid out with generous size main rooms and bedrooms, the finished basement adds to the living space. Close to all amenities in town and walking distance to access on Dark lake. Tastefully decorated you will not be disappointed shows to perfection.



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Highland Street - \$129,900
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Growler Lake - \$329,000
Waterfront lot/acreage. 650 ft frtg & 56.6 ac on the west end of the lake. Gradual sand bottom entry & deep water Hydro to property. Driveway roughed in, building site cleared. Natural creek runs thru property into lake



Little Glamor Lake - \$449,500
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Horseshoe Lake Deeded Access - \$245,000
This lovely 2 bedroom home with a walk out basement is on a park like 2 acre setting of land with a pond, hill top bench, garden, pony barn, dog kennel, gardens to enjoy along with deeded access to Horseshoe Lake within walking distance. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home.



Gull Lake - \$369,000
Great 3 bedroom cottage at the end of a private road. Insulated and upgraded cottage with great views. Natural tree covered lot with natural path to the rock shelf shoreline. Sand bottom entry into the lake. Call to view it.



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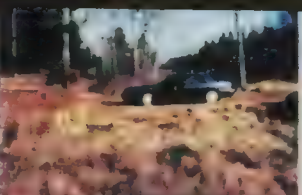
Kinmount Home - \$250,000
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Eagle Lake - \$239,900
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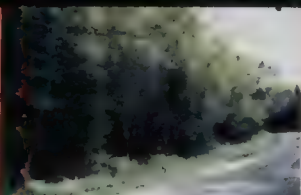
Clear Lake - \$489,000
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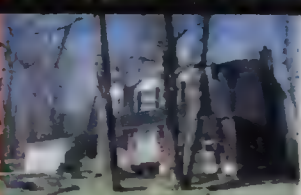
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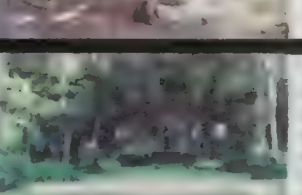
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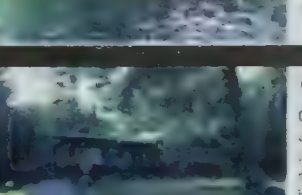
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Ageing Well: Seniors Concerns Highlighted Across County

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

Many retirees come to Haliburton County to enjoy the peaceful lakes, the quiet and the slow pace of life that village living brings. Yet as those retirees get older they soon realise that living in a rural community can bring difficulties. And those challenges are already being faced by many seniors in the county.

Last summer from June until September 437 seniors across the County completed Aging Well questionnaires along with participating in focus groups which followed later in October. The results of the two were highlighted at several meetings across the County in the month of April. The goal was to raise awareness of issues facing seniors.

The surveys were completed with the help of a \$25,000 New Horizons grant and were conducted with the assistance of the Aging Well committee and in partnership with U-Links.

Haliburton County has a year round population of 16,500 with approximately 4,000 residents over the age of 65. Haliburton County has nearly double the rate of seniors for all of Ontario.

The surveys queried seniors on transportation, housing, social participation, community support and income amongst others. As well the Aging Well committee split into groups to focus their attention to tackle certain seniors' issues such as accessibility, communications, and social benefits.

Last Tuesday residents came together at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to listen to the results of the surveys.

Transportation, housing and accessibility emerged as important issues from the survey results. Carol Browne, health practitioner and committee member said, "Two members of the aging well committee are no longer with us as they left the County because they needed assistance and the proper housing wasn't there in the County. Appropriate housing in the County doesn't just benefit seniors -- it helps to keep younger people in the community too who also find affordable housing an issue."

Transportation, accessibility and social interaction were all found to be linked to one another. The lack of suitable public transport in the County, coupled with poor accessibility to certain shops could lead to increasing isolation. One participant of the focus group, a lady in her 80s who is heavily involved in her community finds it increasingly hard to manage stairs in a public building that she visits to attend a craft group which can only be reached by these stairs. The report stated, "In this building there is no elevator and if her health deteriorates then she will have to quit the craft group. She loves knitting and the craft group and it would be a shame if she couldn't attend due to building structure problems."

Browne also noted that "social integration is a big factor that came back from the survey; residents can't be social without money and transportation etc. We forget how hard it is to live on a fixed income."

One story was raised at the meeting telling of one resident was so taken aback at being invited on a trip to Peterborough with their neighbour that once the day was over they were overcome with emotion from the kind gesture.

Residents of the County were in agreement that having a multi-purpose centre that could act as a coat of many colours would be greatly appreciated. Seniors at the Minden meeting were interested in a centre or even a website where community services could be listed when they need help. Residents wanted somewhere where they could fulfill socialising and exercising needs. Those

living in Haliburton County have for years welcomed the idea of a swimming pool benefiting the young and old alike. The Aging Well committee are already looking into developing a much needed swimming pool in the County, commenting that the early stages are, "Well under way."

At the survey result day Community Care Haliburton County advised the audience of its services such as meals on wheels, friendly visiting, volunteer driving etc. At the Minden meeting those who attended expressed some of their concerns regarding Community Care Haliburton County programming.

Fay Martin, a Minden Hills resident, a founder of Places 4 People and former head of Point in Time in Haliburton said, "The intended point is that Community Care is funded, predominantly by government dollars, to provide services to all of Haliburton County, but that, like any organization, like nature really, practice tends to develop through paths of least resistance. Programs that are easy to deliver take precedence over those that are more difficult, and once those programs are in place and appreciated by those who use them, those who don't use them, even though they have an equal right to be served, can easily become out of sight and out of mind."

"Because Community Care's head office is in Haliburton village, the practice, over time, tends to become Haliburton-village-centric. The example that came up in the discussion was that the Wii exercise program, a readily mobile program, was offered only at the head office. When it was suggested that the agency could relatively easily deliver the same program in Minden, the staff person's first response was that Minden seniors could come to Haliburton. When it was pointed out that this requires individuals

to travel, the response was that people who needed assistance doing so could avail themselves of Community Care's volunteer driving program. This also involves both cost and time, as does travel by personal car; this position in essence downloads the cost of accessing programming from the agency to the individual, and disadvantages those at a distance. The final response was that the agency would need further funds to add this programming to what it currently does, a position which demonstrates Haliburton-centrism, the very point that initiated the exchange.

"The Minden Open House not only heard what the Aging Well Committee had to report, but responded to it with passion and enthusiasm."

The survey concluded that there is a general satisfaction of the current social and physical environment for seniors in the County. Over 60 percent of the respondents felt there is a general awareness of the needs of seniors and over 85 percent feel valued at least most of the time as a senior resident.

The aging well committee has already attained and completed certain accessibility issues such as snow removal in Dysart et al. Last winter the committee went to the Haliburton BIA and Reeve Murray Fearrey who came together to help with the issue and improved the situation. It now means that residents are able to access the sidewalks and benches much more easily in the winter than in current years.

In the end seniors issues will all too soon become our own problems and some of the current problems that seniors face are also faced by the young and the disabled. Browne noted that, "seniors are a benefit not a liability. Seniors are the answers and the ones to problem solve." ■

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The Hamilton Township Mutual Insurance Company gave Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation a \$1,000 donation last Friday which brings their total amount donated to \$5,500. From left, chair of the foundation Peter Oyler, Drew Carey, broker from Vasey Insurance Brokers, Bruce Buttar a director of Hamilton Township Mutual Insurance Company and Dale Walker, executive director of HHHSF. ■

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Speaker Sobers up: Shares Hard Hitting Message with Students

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

The lowest point in Paul Christie's life he says was when he took a leather belt, tied it around his neck, hammered a nail through it into the ceiling and prepared to say goodbye. Fate struck a deal that day though and the rusty nail that was pinned through the belt bent causing Paul to fall to the ground and ultimately survive.

Christie has been surviving ever since. Addicted to drugs and alcohol for 20 years, he finally got sober on September 23rd 1999.

Christie was at Haliburton High School last Thursday as part of the third annual Party in the Right Spirit event. The day hosted by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit, the Haliburton Highlands Community Action Group on Alcohol and Drugs with assistance from the Ministry of Transportation was created to encourage students to make positive choices for prom night.

At the opening assembly for the day students watched a hard-hitting video about the dangers of alcohol use. Later on a trade show was held in the gym with community organizations such as the O.P.P, Crime Stoppers Kawartha Haliburton, Youth Unlimited, Kawartha Sexual Assault centre and Highlands Community Pregnancy Care centre represented.

The OPP had a breathalyser on display to show students that even using mouthwash can't mask the effects of alcohol. Constable Mark McMaster said that, "The speaker is usually the part of the day that the kids enjoy the most: rather than a visitor preaching about drugs and alcohol they tell them to be smart about the choices they make."

Christie says that every day his email inbox is flooded with emails saying that his speeches and story saved their life or that they are now on the path to leading a better life and checking into rehab. Although it's hard for Christie to retell his story, he sees it as therapy: still, over the years it hasn't been easy for him. Last year he fell off the wagon for one day.

Christie got clean for his now 15 year old son Jesse, after Jesse asked him one day what he should



Paul Christie pictured with his son Jesse. Christie came to Haliburton High School last Thursday to speak to the senior class about the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

if a drug dealer approached him. From then on he decided to tell his story to students across Canada. "He's my angel, he saved my life. Preachers are a dime a dozen, instead I want to highlight the truth about the consequences of alcohol and drugs."

Christie told the story of his life being totally destroyed by alcohol. He was an alcoholic at 14, spent time in prison for arson after being so drunk he blacked out, fell into a pile of lit candles and caused the house he was partying in to burst into a ball of flames which then caused the house next door to go up into smoke too. Christie's life aspirations of becoming a policeman were wrecked by his lifestyle choices.

Without alcohol Christie wouldn't have injected heroin or snorted cocaine, he wouldn't have injected drugs within centimetres of his eye into the only vein he could find in his body after he had ravaged the other ones. Without alcohol Christie wouldn't have spent 12 years of his life aimlessly walking the streets in California with nowhere to go. He wouldn't have missed Christmas with his young son after another blackout session if he hadn't been hooked on alcohol. Christie told the students that all of his close friends from his High School are now dead, killing themselves after the torture of the addictions became too much to bear.

Karen Pettinella, public health nurse from HKPR health unit said, "Paul Christie really speaks to what we want students to learn from the day and that is to make healthier, smart choices if they are confronted with difficult situations on prom night."

According to the Ontario Student Drug use and Health Survey conducted in fall 2009, nearly 63 percent of students surveyed in the Central East region of Ontario, which includes Haliburton County, admitted to using alcohol in the previous year. Nearly one quarter of student respondents from Central East Ontario said they had been binge drinking in the previous month. Binge drinking refers to consuming five or more alcoholic drinks on one occasion.

You can visit www.paulchristie.ca for more information on the speaker. ■



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People understand contests. You take a bunch of kids throwing rocks at random and people look askance, but if you go and hold a rock-throwing contest - people understand that. ~Don Murray

Matt Duchene Scores Goal and Assist in Rookie Debut

By Seamus O'Bradaigh

We commingle on a single united front here in the Highlands.

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On Main Street more hockey.

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No surprise then that Haliburton kids grow up imbued with a niggling and inured notion that if they just try hard enough, just skate fast enough, just pour their heart and soul into the game, well, they too could be drafted in June somewhere down a dusty road.

Not wanting to burst any bubbles here, but somewhere in the blurred line between nature and nurture, nature holds the trump card.

Simply put, as an old basketball coach of mine used to say: "ya gotta' have the tools if ya' wanna' break the rules."

To wit: Matt Duchene.

Some tools ... breaking rules.

Duchene remains a joy to watch and an argument that nurture can only get you so far.

You also have to possess the requisite blend of speed, hand-eye coordination, work ethic and smarts to excel like Matt Duchene, Haliburton's erstwhile hurricane.

Playing in his first over 18 IIHF world championships this month in Germany, Duchene - wearing an unlikely 92 instead of his preferred number 9 - has been turning heads and of course extending his legacy after a disappointing ouster in the first round of the playoffs against San Jose.

Shortly after their season ended Duchene and teammate Kyle Cumisky received a call from Team Canada GM and architect Mark Messier asking if he would come to Germany for the world tournament.

Both players agreed to pack up their gear and board an overseas flight two weeks ago and both Av players have been enjoying a highly successful run thus far into the tourney.

Duchene scored a goal and an assist in Team Canada's 5-1 victory over Italy.

On Monday (May 10) the Canadians skated to a 6-1 victory over Latvia garnering mixed revues from the talking heads that have to split their time between slaving over the relative fortunes of Canada's last best hope for returning Lord Stanley's mug to the Fatherland, the Habitants and the Can't Nucks.

However, with TSN offering a full slate of games from the World Cup it's interesting to note that a number of Canadians are becoming enamored of this young team's stoic presence even at this early stage of proceedings.

The devastating loss of Captain Canada, Ryan Smyth to a fractured left ankle overshadowed the victory over Latvia.

Messier and coach Craig MacTavish are in the process of naming a new captain, but more important than that is the loss of all of that world tournament expertise and mentorship.

"He's going to be missed but there's guys in that room that can step up and fill his role," said forward Corey Perry, via Hockey Canada's website. Perry had three assists in the game. "There's guys waiting to play the minutes he was playing. We've got to be ready to play for him."

MacTavish indicated that a new captain would likely be named. One of the team's four alternates would make the most sense: Perry, Ray Whitney, Steven Stamkos or Francois Beauchemin.

"Of greater concern to general manager Mark Messier is how he should go about trying to bolster a roster that now features just two players over the age of 28 (Whitney and goaltender Chris Mason)," says the Team Canada presser. "The team will have to play Wednesday's game against Switzerland with the 11 forwards and eight defencemen it currently has, but Messier will have to option to add two more skaters after that."

- It's interesting that Whitney, who turned 38 on Saturday was playing on a line with John Tavares and Duchene.

Interesting because at 38 Whitney is playing with two newcomers whose ages combined match his own.

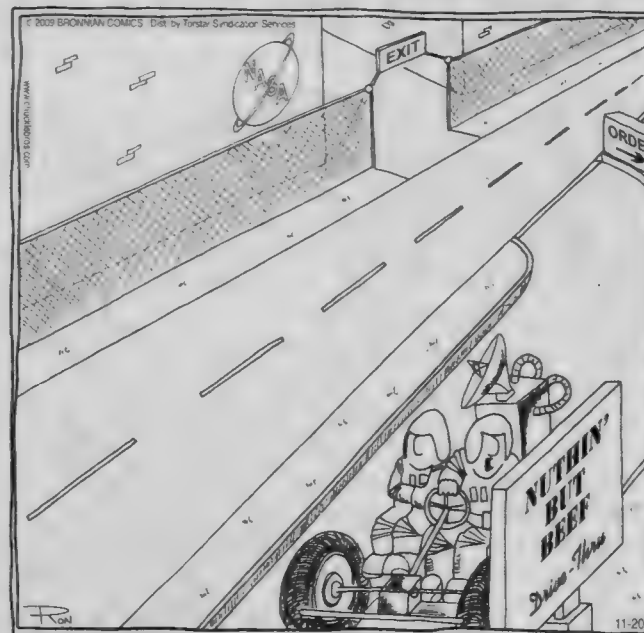
Tavares scored two goals in the win against Latvia, and its expected that Duchene will be called upon to add his own share of scoring as action moves toward the tougher qualification rounds.

Canada played Switzerland on Wednesday.

The tourney moves into the qualification rounds on Friday, May 14.

MacTavish says that the departure of Smyth will put a lot of onus on his core of young players, but he remains confident that this team, made up of a lot of talent that have come up through the Hockey Canada system will step up to the task.

"He [Ryan Smyth] definitely leaves a void in the locker-room," says MacTavish. "But the group's young and enthusiastic and hopefully we'll be able to offset that." ■



"Yeah, I'd like two burgers with fries . . . to go."

Hal High Soccer and Track Teams headed to Kawartha Tournaments

By Seamus O'Bradaigh

Spring flings a ton of onus upon Hal High athletes as track, rugby and girls soccer prepare for regional playdowns.

Both senior and junior girls' soccer teams played their final regular season games this week.

On Monday they travelled to Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute (LCVI) and both teams were competitive, but it appears that coach Amy Klose and her senior girls team may not make the Kawartha West playdowns, which get underway on Monday, May 17.

"I think the senior girls are going to be eliminated," said Klose on Monday evening shortly after returning from a disappointing loss in Lindsay. "We only have one point with one game left to play and I haven't got any stats from the league, but we will have to win on Wednesday to have any chance [of making the Kawartha West playoff]."

The senior girls have lost five won none and tied one and will need a win and some help if they have any shot at competing in the post season.

Of course, if the season does prematurely for the senior Red Hawks, Klose can always look forward to next year, as she will be the beneficiary of some extraordinary talent tumbling up from a simply superb junior soccer team coached by Judi Paul.

The junior girls dealt the prepossessing LCVI junior girls their first loss of the season and that gives Paul's team a very impressive 3-1-2 record (8 points) and a win on Wednesday at home could possibly ice a first place finish for the junior girls who have a very heady bunch of superb athletes this season.

On top of all that talent there is also a huge complement of players on this year's junior squad says Klose.

"They're not only very talented, but they have a lot of players," laughs Klose, who may take a bow for some of that youthful rejuvenation because of her involvement as president of the burgeoning Haliburton Tuesday night soccer league, a co-ed endeavor that has brought a lot of local boys and girls into the sport.

The Haliburton Soccer Club starts its kids' schedule on the first Tuesday in July and runs all summer, and has spawned a huge interest in "footie" locally.

Both junior and senior teams play Wednesday afternoon at Gary Brohman field against St. Thomas Aquinas.

Meanwhile, track and field coach Paul Morissette has had his hands full this season, relying on some of the older athletes to provide mentoring duties as he struggles on in the face of some devastating coaching concerns.

Relays coach Karen Gervais has been off on maternity leave (congrats coach "G" on the new addition by the way) and throws coach Walter Tose has just returned to the fold this week after a debilitating leg injury that required surgery.

Morissette says it's been a little challenging this season, but adds that a number of Red Hawk seniors have stepped to the forefront to provide younger members with some advice, training and technique mentoring.

The Hawks have already competed in two events - one in Bracebridge and another in Belleville - in preparation for the upcoming Kawartha zone finals that begin today - May 13 - in Peterborough at the St. Peter's high school track.

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Students from the Outdoor Education Development Program at Haliburton High School got hands on experience at the Haliburton County Marksmen Club last Thursday.

As part of the OED program the students learn a vast array of life skills including gaining their hunting licence and their Canadian firearm safety licence which ties in perfectly with the training they received at the marksmen club.

The OED program is set up for students who succeed more at practical subjects rather than at strictly academic disciplines. Students in the senior year participate in the program which has seen past students clinch apprenticeships across the province. The program is heavily geared towards gaining important life skills and enabling students to use those skills in their future careers.

Most years the students who participate in the program pay a visit to the Haliburton County Marksmen Club. The Clubs mission statement reads as "Promoting the Sport of Recreational Shooting, Firearm Education and Safety Training." The club has been running for 30 years and is based just outside of Kinmount.

For Walter Griffin, range manager and youth coordinator (and County Voice Sales Rep), "The day is about safe handling of firearms and having fun. It's extremely important for the



youth of today to partake of our heritage of using firearms for recreational and hunting purposes, and to be able to participate in the marvelous outdoor education program such as we have at the High School. The skills that they are learning in this four credit course will be a valuable asset to these young people throughout their entire lives."

Although the day was a chance for the students to experience a range of guns including some which are heritage items safety was the number one priority. There were long safety demonstrations before the students could handle a gun themselves and every student who handled a gun was supervised closely.

Dick Smith, who has been handling firearms for the past 55 years and who helps with the youth program told the Voice, "Shooting is one of the safest sports that you can become involved in. Hunting accidents these days are rare." Club member Danny Londry said, "We are exposing the students to proper handling and safety. The skills they learn today are something they can

carry with them for the future. Shooting the targets can be a lot of fun but only if it is done safely and correctly."

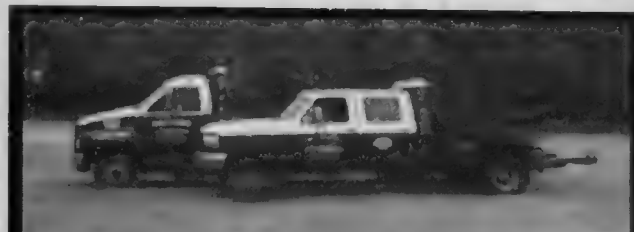
The students were mature when handling the guns realising the power that each firearm bestows. They sampled guns ranging from handguns to shotguns and .22 caliber rifles. Derek Little, course leader of the OED program said, "The day is tied to Haliburton's heritage. It's important for the kids to understand the safety aspects along with the enjoyment of the sport. Thirteen of the students completed the Canadian firearm

safety course with the other students who had already completed it. Most people just see the negative side of guns in the news with gangs but the majority of those guns aren't even legal. Even if these students never wanted to use a firearm in the future if they were offered an antique gun from a family member because of their firearm safety course they would be able to keep it."

There are organized shoots at HCMC every Sunday morning and visitors and new members are always welcome. ■

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Staff Reporter

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Sports Round-UP... Cont'd....

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Top eight finishers in each event advance to the COSSA zones slated for Thursday, May 20 at the Bruce Faulds Track and Field complex in Belleville.

"I think we have a few kids who could do quite well, says Morissette, who adds that some of the usual suspects include Drew Paul and Christianna Walker, two athletes who have forged some pretty impressive resumes on the red Hawk track in the past.

"Drew Paul is doing both hurdles and long jump this year and Christianna is a hurdler and she's going to try pole vaulting this year as well," says Morissette.

Of course like a lot of high school coaches he has been keeping an eye on some up and coming talent from just over the hill at JD Hodgson Elementary School. For several years the Hal High coaching staff have been awaiting the arrival of a pretty talented twin dynamo.

This season marks the debut of the Hicks' twins Brigitta and Allie, two young girls who have been finishing one and two overall in various elementary track events.

This year Brigitta and Ali will be running, jumping and hurdling as members of a rejuvenated midget contingent.

One can jump and the other can run laughs Morissette - now all he has to do is figure out which one is which.

In reality, after several years of watching the young Hicks' sisters coming up through the ranks, it's pretty apparent that both girls excel in all facets of track and field.

Right now it looks like Brigitta will be competing in jumping events and Ali seems to be churning toward her niche in the hurdles and the 200 M event.

Morissette says that last year's OFSAA thrower Matt Rae is continuing to throw in good form even in practice.

He adds that the addition of Tose - still on the mend - will provide confidence booster for Rae and especially Nick Freeman who brings a ton of raw talent and energy to the throwing venue.

Morissette says he's also been impressed with Vicky Butka another young runner with a lot of potential.

"Vicky was third in the hundred at the warm up event and she should do well," says Morissette.

On the rugby front, the Hal High varsity is proving to be a dynamic and competitive bunch this season.

Rugby at Hal High has benefited from a strong core of recruits from the ultra-competitive junior and senior football teams.

The basic premise, moving the ball from goal line to goal line, may look the same, but the similarities end there.

Some of the plays in rugby run counter-intuitive to a football mindset, but slowly and gradually and with some very dedicated coaching, the players playing varsity rugby are catching on.

Red Hawk rugby plays PCVS tomorrow - Friday, May 14.

Rugby Kawartha tourney is slated for May 20 and COSSA is set for May 28. ■



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From left; Maarten Steinkamp and Bob Park posed for the cameras when they announced that McKecks the Blue Line and Haliburton Foodland will be sponsors of the 22nd Highland Games, they are pictured next to Jim Frost chair of the games.

McKecks and Foodland Sponsor the 22nd Highland Games

If you had taken a visit to Rails End Gallery last Thursday afternoon there were certainly some sights to behold.

Maarten Steinkamp of McKecks, Bob Park of Haliburton Foodland and Jim Frost of Down Home Bed and Breakfast were all dressed to the nines in kilts, sporrans and diced hats. They weren't preparing for St. Andrew's Day or celebrating Burns night instead they were announcing in Highlander fashion that McKecks the Blue Line along with Haliburton Foodland will be sponsoring the 22nd Haliburton Highland Games.

On July 10th in Head Lake Park patrons will gather to witness a range of Scottish activities; Highland Dancing, border collie sheep herding, Scottish Country Dancing, heavy event athletes competing (including the caber toss) along with vendor's alley and a cheer tent. YMCA Camp Wanakita will be running a spirited children's program.

Admission is only \$10 with children under 12 free. Call (705)-457-4031 for more information alternatively visit www.haliburtonhighlandgames.com.

Shall We Dance!

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Dance Arts which encompasses dancers from the age of two to 80 put on a magical show for their audience at the Northern Lights Pavilion last Friday and Saturday when they performed in their annual dance recital. From tap, jazz, acrobatics, musical theatre, break-dancing, hip hop to lyrical jazz a wealth of dance styles were incorporated.

The weekend before the recital they travelled to Niagara Falls to compete in the Bedazzled Dance Championship where they triumphed. The Haliburton Dance Arts received 24 first place awards, four second place awards and two third place awards. They gained achievements in the highest overall senior jazz group and the highest overall senior lyrical group. Shaylynn Hutchings and Rynne Horsley achieved the highest overall solos and Shaylynn scooped up the award for 'Most Potential' Dancer.



Pictured above; Shaylynn Hutchings practices for the Haliburton Dance Arts recital which was held last Friday and Saturday at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Shaylynn won the award for 'Most Potential' dancer at the Bedazzled Dance Championship in Niagara Falls on May 1st weekend. Along with Rynne Horsley they achieved the highest overall solos.



Pictured above; ladies from the Haliburton Dance Arts tap dance.

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Artsy Apocalypse Arrives in Haliburton Fourth Arts Honours Gala Recognizes the County's Special Talents

By Mark Arike

There are many out there who fear that the end-of-days will strike the planet on December 21, 2012. Well, if the apocalypse were to turn out anything like the Arts Honours Gala held recently at the Haliburton Legion, most of us would probably be pleasantly surprised – and relieved.

The theme for the fourth annual celebration of the arts, hosted by the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands, took on a doomsday approach to the night – while still maintaining its traditional celebratory feel. As a result of several hours spent on giving the Haliburton Legion a “post-apocalyptic” makeover, patrons of the event were whisked into a new world – a world that embraced a “green” friendly, recycled and repurposed attitude.

Over 170 people (artists and supporters of the arts) attended the red carpet affair to recognize those in the arts community who have made an indelible mark on their peers and others around them. Handcrafted statuettes, made by local glass artist Terry Craig, were once again handed out in five categories, including: youth artist, emerging artist, supporter/administrator, founder, and artist of distinction.

Throughout the night of rather tame debauchery, the audience was treated to a ravishing local line-up of talent. R.D. Lawrence Place Coordinator Sheryl Loucks had the crowd in hysterics with her Michael Jackson Thriller parody that was all about Minden. Past chair of the Arts Council, Barry “Bazza” Hayward, rocked out as he encouraged full-on audience participation – with shakers and other objects – during his Rhythmnia performance.

Midway through the night, a touching tribute was made to Caryl Miller – a special woman whose contributions to local theatre are immeasurable. Miller, the 2008 Highlander of the Year and key figure in the creation of the Highlands Little Theatre, will shortly be leaving the community with her husband Ray.

Another highlight of the night was the ‘mystery artist’ game, which saw audience members play for 8x10” art pieces donated by local artists and those who just wanted to get creative. The game was a fundraising activity for the Arts Council.

Chair of the Arts Council, Lesley English, praised the community for its strong commitment to continually raising the bar for arts in the Highlands.

“We rival communities many times our size through our vibrancy, excitement and enthusiasm for the arts,” said English.

The evening’s festivities wrapped up with a packed dance floor and an electric performance by local blues group Ragged Company.

Other entertainment throughout the night came from some young talents such as singer/guitar player Benton Brown and the Red Hawk Improv Combo. Bart Hilhorst, known to most as “the Bear Man”, maintained order as the emcee.

Listed below are the winners in each category, as well all the nominees.

Youth Artist - Billy Janitsch ; Supporter/Administrator – Laurie Jones; Artist of Distinction – Rose Pearson; Emerging Artist – Tiffany Howe; Founder – The Art Hive

All Nominees

Youth Artist: Michelle Bailey, Billy Janitsch, Jennifer Jowett, Loretta Kerr, Tamara Poropat, Erin Pottier, Ryan Van Lieshout.

Emerging Artist: Darby Bayly, April Gates, Tiffany Howe, Sandi Luck, Noelia Marziali, Cory Pietryszyn.

Supporter/Administrator: Dennis Cliff, Haliburton County Development Corporation, Laurie Jones, Bill Lambie and Stella Voisin, John Leonard, David and Betty Mills.

Founder: The Art Hive, Barb Bolin, Michael Fay, John Leonard, Elly Malcolmson.

Artist of Distinction: Jack Brezina, Laurie Carmount, Kevin Dunlop, Sue Forbes, April Gates, Highlands Summer Festival, Rose Pearson, Robert Van Nood, Rickie Woods. ■



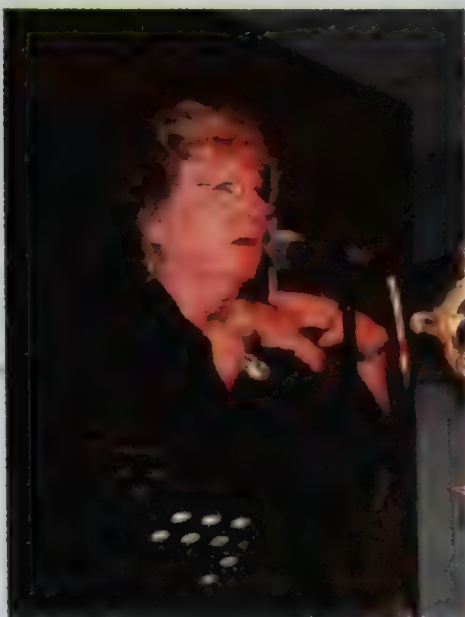
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Subject: SOMETHING IS BREWING (e.g., What grain is most often used to make beer? Answer: Barley.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. What brewing company is associated with Clydesdales?
Answer: _____
2. What country is headquarters for Heineken International?
Answer: _____
3. What brewery uses the tagline "True Canadian Taste"?
Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL
4. What musical instrument is associated with Guinness?
Answer: _____
5. Who led the Beer Hall Putsch?
Answer: _____
6. What city is home to Germany's Oktoberfest?
Answer: _____

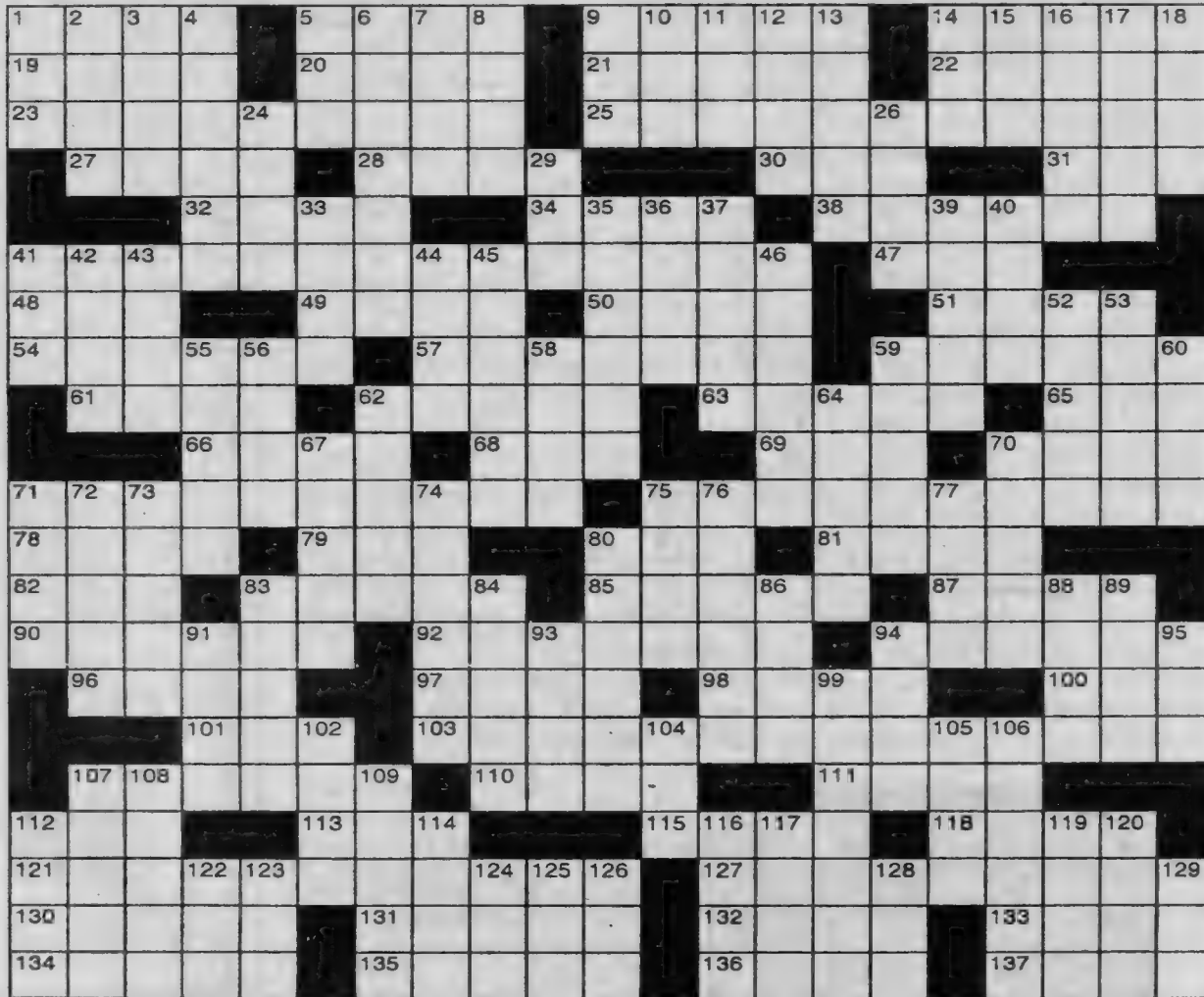
PH.D. LEVEL
7. What does Löwenbräu mean? Answer: _____
8. It was known as "the beer that made Milwaukee famous."
Answer: _____
9. What beer is named after a man famous for his role in the American Revolution?
Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Anheuser-Busch. 2. Netherlands (Holland). 3. Molson. 4. Harp. 5. Adolf Hitler. 6. Munich. 7. Lion's brew. 8. Schlitz. 9. Samuel Adams (Sam Adams).

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18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married 19 years to a beautiful, accomplished woman. We have two wonderful children. I fooled around throughout my marriage because I could. I justified it by telling myself the women knew what they were doing, and I never made any false promises about leaving my wife. She suspected a couple of times, but always gave me the benefit of the doubt.

My last affair ended publicly with every gory detail exposed. My family, work, reputation — everything that mattered to me — have been destroyed. I can't talk about any of it to a therapist because I am so ashamed. Friends, family and co-workers now shun me. I have hit rock bottom.

If you have a hopeful solution, please share it. Otherwise, please print this as a warning to other men like me that when they hit bottom — as will surely happen — there's nowhere to turn. I want to end my life. — SHATTERED IN LOUISIANA

DEAR SHATTERED: I understand this experience has been painful for all concerned, but stop focusing only about yourself and your pain. Suicide may seem like a solution to your problems, but your children need you alive and functional — and their needs must take precedence.

Find a therapist — someone you can relate to, and feel safe enough with to discuss everything that has happened from the beginning.

There is life after divorce. And, as many celebrities can attest, there is also life after public embarrassment and career setbacks. So straighten your backbone and keep marching forward. While it may not seem like it right now, there are better days ahead.

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I rarely get along — mainly because she thinks she's fabulous and I don't. I'm in my 30s, married with a child and have a career. I am tired of riding an emotional roller coaster with Mother.

She is planning her next visit and I don't want her to come. Her visits end up lasting a week or more, and her conversation consists of complaining, making snide comments about my house and how I am raising my child (under the guise of being "helpful"), and then whining because I don't have the time or desire to entertain or placate her. Can you tell me how to tell her that visits to my house are no longer welcomed? — DONE WITH THE DRAMA

DEAR DONE: When your mother raises the subject of her visit, tell her that she would be more comfortable staying at a hotel when she comes and so would you. That way you can control the amount of time you spend together. Offer to split the cost with her, then pray she agrees.



BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like some people's idea of a surprise. But you could be in for a pleasant shock when someone finally sends a reply to a request you made so long ago that you almost forgot about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a time to expect the unexpected. So don't be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking a different tack on a work project might rankle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate with a fun-filled weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you're in a high positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you'll soon forget your own discomfort.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you social Lions to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. A colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent flurry of activity leaves you in need of a little breathing space, and you'd be wise to take it. Close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

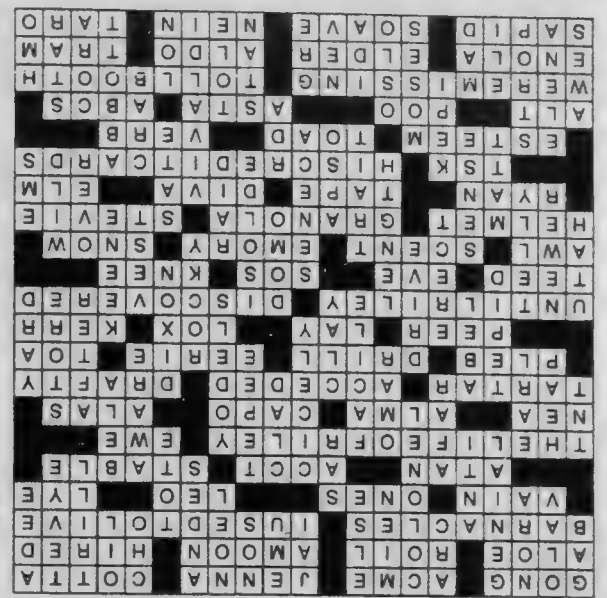
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's a good time to look into that training program or college course you've been considering. You might have a good place to use those sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out those summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Progress often comes in fits and starts. But at least you're moving straight ahead with no backsliding. You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember: It's always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.



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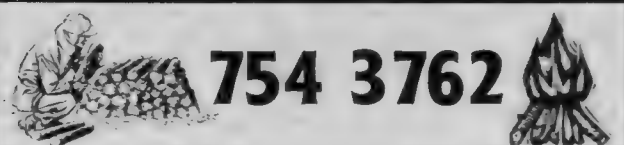
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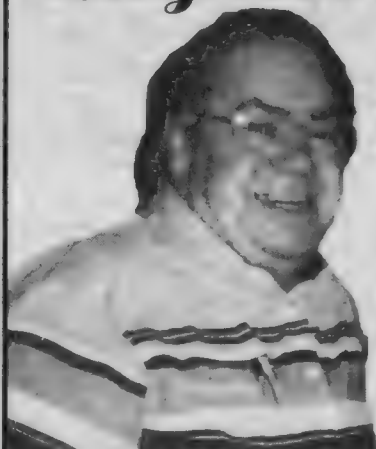
In Memory of a Loving Mother

Rose-anne Bruneau (May 13, 2005)

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Who meant the world to you
One you loved so very much
and miss her like we do
If you have ever had the heartache,
or felt the awful pain
Or shed a million tears
that dropped like falling rain.
If you have ever had this feeling,
then you know this to be true
That when you lose your Mother
You lose a part of you.
Forever in our hearts mom,
Je t'aime avec tous mon coeur

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Ray Moore



In memory of a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Four years have gone by and yet it seems only yesterday that we saw your amazing smile, heard your infectious laugh and felt your big bear hugs. Time heals but you are forever in our thoughts, our minds and our souls. We celebrate your life with love and appreciation for your fierce commitment to those you held so dear.

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Email info@haliburtoncdc.ca or call (705) 457-3555 or for full job description and wages. The deadline for applications is May 14th, 2010.

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If you are interested in being included in our roster please submit a resume and letter of interest detailing your area(s) of expertise to:

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R. Carruth. (Sept A)

Yard Sale

YARD SALE - Join us and
sell your goods at the Lochlin
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sale. Saturday May 15th, 2010
8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.- BBQ hosted by
the Lochlin Committee. To book a
table or a packed trunk call Paula
at 705-457-3557 or Helen at 705-
286-6087. \$10.00 donation would
be appreciated. (May B)

YARD SALE - Yard Sale/Bake
Sale - Saturday, May 22nd - 9am-
2pm, 9 Cedar Ave. (Bill Gliddon's
residence) St George's Youth
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C)

YARD SALE - Moving Sale,
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Saturday May 15th. Rain Date
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Minden, Just north of town. (May
B)

YARD SALE - House furniture
& contents-Gelert. 21127 Milburn
Road- May22&23. (May B)

YARD SALE - Curves team
circuit walkers are having a fund
raiser for Relay for Life at 50 York
street on Saturday May 22nd,
2010 starts at 9a.m. rain or shine.
(May C)

YARD SALE - Ingoldsby United
Church-1741 Ingoldsby Road-
will be holding a yard sale on
Saturday, May 22nd beginning at
8a.m.-many assorted household
items-homemade pies-coffee
available. Drop by and check us
out. (May C)

Announcements

BAKE SALE/ BOTTLE DRIVE
- In support of the Haliburton
County Relay for Life, Saturday
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hanger, leaf blower, Rockwell plates, silk flowers etc. etc.
RAIN OR SHINE!

30 Years and Still Going Strong

By Mark Arike, Marketing Associate, Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands

It's important to become one with the wood as a marquetry artist. During those times when your hands are all blistered up, patience is waning and dozens of days and hundreds of hours have been put into a project, it can be an onerous task for one to keep up the good fight. Fortunately for Haliburton County, Kevin Dunlop has chosen to keep a firm grip on his knives and saws and stock his studio with plenty of wood.

Now entering his 30th year as a marquetry artist, Dunlop isn't showing any signs of slowing down. A big part of that is likely due to the fact that this rare breed of artist immersed himself in woodworking at such an early age.

"My parents switched me from Catholic school to public school in grade four when I insisted on it," recalled Dunlop. "That was because public school had a woodshop."

When he arrived at high school he already had experience making furniture – so birdhouse building in woodshop class just wasn't going to cut it. Dunlop decided to take night classes in cabinet making at Algonquin College in his hometown of Ottawa.

After secondary school he took on full-time studies in cabinet making at Conestoga College in Kitchener, and it was at that time Dunlop dove headfirst into the art form of marquetry.

"In first year of college I went to a craft show at the local farmers' market ... I bumped into Herb Lappins, a professional marquetry artist from Latvia. I started chatting with him, found out he was ill and that he wanted to sell his business," said Dunlop. "I struck a deal with him within 15 minutes of us meeting."

That deal, which almost seemed too good to be true, would eventually give Dunlop full control of the business. The arrangement would see him work free-of-charge for one year in exchange for the master marquetry artist's wisdom and teaching. If he met the man's expectations, he could purchase the business and call it his own.

As if becoming good enough at the art of marquetry to please a seasoned veteran wasn't enough, Dunlop also had to figure out a way of coming up with the funds to buy the business. How would it be possible for a cash-strapped college student who was putting himself through school to secure the necessary funds?

In second semester he was faced with the task of coming up with hypothetical products for a business course. Since he already had real product that he created in the previous semester, he seized an opportunity to use it.



A Whole Lot of Detail and Dedication Go into Marquetry Artist's Work

"I went to several high-end gift shops and managed to talk to their buyers. I got letters from these buyers saying that if I was in business they'd buy X number of pieces for X number of dollars," said Dunlop.

Those letters gave him the leverage he needed to get the bank loan to buy the same business he runs to this day.

Over the years, Dunlop has found that he's had to educate many people about what marquetry really is.

"Most people I encountered just hadn't been introduced to it," he explained. "I would be in craft shows and I'd hear people walking by saying, 'that's an interesting style of painting.'"

So what is it? Marquetry is an age-old process (dating back to the Egyptians) in which the artist creates pictorial mosaics in wood. Each different colour and shade within the picture is a separate piece of wood, cut and fit carefully into the scene. The various colours and textures are achieved by using woods from around the world.

Dunlop uses several different marquetry techniques when making his unique pieces (visit his site at www.marquetryman.ca to learn a bit about them).

His fine work can be found at locations all over the globe including Australia, England and France. Closer to home, the Ethel Curry Gallery and the Algonquin Art Centre both currently carry his signature pieces at their locations. In the past, he's been featured at exhibitions in local galleries.

In May, a captivating donor wall that he spent a total of 284 hours working on for two straight months will be unveiled at the Dysart library. The very realistic, life-size image depicts a young girl reading a book while sitting on the edge of a bookshelf. The way it will work is that when substantial donations are made to the library, names of the donors will go on the spines of the books in the wall.

"As soon as a donor wall for the library was mentioned, the image was in my head," said Dunlop of the nearly seven-foot tall creation which will be placed near the library's entrance.

The level of detail found in the donor wall is mind-boggling to say the least. For example, the girl's eyelashes themselves are made up of individual pieces of wood.

The donor wall just went on the road with Dunlop and another one of his pieces for the Ontario Crafts Council sponsored "Made of Wood" show. If you missed the event, you'll be able to check out Dunlop's work on the 23rd annual Haliburton County Studio Tour in October. At all other times, his studio, located at 4679 Cty Rd. 21 in Haliburton, is open by chance or appointment.

Have questions? Call him at 705-457-9688; visit his web site at www.marquetryman.ca or keep up with him on his blog at marquetryman.wordpress.com. ■

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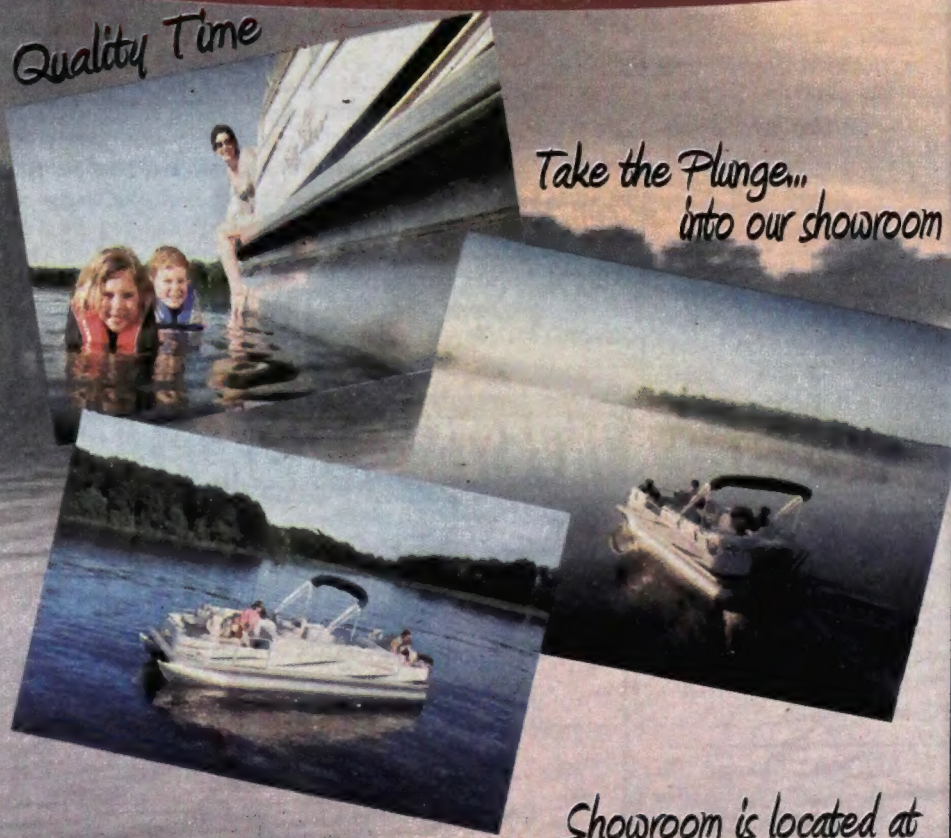
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Nifty, nifty, Al's fifty

We would like to thank everyone who came to Al's 50th for all the food, gifts, birthday wishes. Thanks to Dan DJ, Chris and staff at Carnarvon Bowl. Thank to everyone who helped plan the party. A special thanks to our children Trev, Alan, and Amanda



*Love always
Al and Teresa*

Death Notice

Richard Rowe
(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Monday May 10, 2010 in his 63rd year. Beloved husband of Georgina Rowe. Loving father of Laury, Tracey and Amy. Stepfather to Nancy (Craig Brown), Ronnie Clement, Scott Clement (Colleen), and Lynda (Dean Coles). Grandpa of Zach, Nathan, Jesse, Jade, Henry, Matthew, Justin, Junior, and Caprice. Papa of Robert, Devon, Evalyn, Alexis, Amanda and Ryan. Dear brother of Robert and Jack. Predeceased by his sister Dori and brothers Don, Ron. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Remembrance Gathering

Friends are invited to call at the **WILBERFORCE LEGION BRANCH** 642 1003 Hwy 648 Wilberforce Ontario on Saturday afternoon, May 15, 2010 from 1 o'clock until 3 o'clock. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family

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Francis**

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Point in Time
Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

Annual General Meeting

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents invites you to attend their annual General Meeting to be held in The Great Hall at Fleming College, 297 College Drive, Haliburton on Tuesday, June 15th, 2010 at 7:00p.m. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30p.m.

RSVP 705-457-5345 by May 14th.

*Thank
you*

To everyone who was there to help us through the rough spots of Claude's heart attack and surgery. Your prayers, cards, email and phone calls lent your support when we needed it most. A special thank you to Dr. Armstrong and Dr. Heyes; the nurses at Haliburton Hospital; air ambulance crew, the many doctors and nurses at Southlake Hospital in Newmarket, Ashley and Regan for the use of their home as a haven to recharge; our families for the many things they did for us and their support and arms to lean on; Lou-Anne for her continuous support and guidance through the surgery and recovery; Courtney for her help on the "down days"; Rob, Lou-Anne, Darin and Lucy for always being there. We are very fortunate to live in such a caring community with wonderful family and friends.
(Tom we still have a garden to plant.)

Thank you to everyone.
Claude & Gail

Haliburton Minor Softball Registration (Ages 4 - 10)

Thurs. May 20th 5 - 6:30
Thurs. May 27th 5 - 6:30
at HHSS Athletic Complex

Play starts Wed. June 2, 2010
6:30 - 7:30pm on the
STUART BAKER FIELD
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Coming Events

History of Donald 101

A rail trail ramble open to all, and a ticketed community lunch at Camp Wanakita.

Both are presented by Friends of the Rail Trail as part of their very popular Sunday Rambles series.

All are welcome to the Sunday Ramble which meets at 11:00 at the Little Tart (a fabulous bake shop) on Koshlong Lake Rd in Donald. Watch for signs on Gelert Rd, also called County Rd 1, just south of Haliburton Village. Rambles are casual, family and dog-friendly walks each week in April and May, on different sections of Haliburton's two rail trails. Because the walks are out and back, everyone can choose a pace and distance that suits them. There have been dozens of folks out for each Ramble, so you're sure to meet friends, neighbours or someone new to ramble with.

At press time, there were just a few tickets left for the lunch, so if you're interested, call quickly and leave your name, phone number and number of tickets requested on the answering machine at (705) 457-4767. Tickets are \$15 each, which includes lunch, tax, coffee and dessert. Doors open at 1pm, but you must have made reservations ahead.

Organizers would especially like to hear from anyone in the community with oral history, documents, clippings or pictures from the old days of the company town of Donald or the factory known as "The Chemical". Ute Wright has compiled all the available history and hopes to stimulate some stories from the audience, and special guests. ■

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Susan Johnson* 457-2414, ext. 44

DRAG LAKE - \$1,395,000



Exquisite custom built post & beam home on Drag Lake. Over 700 ft of frontage with 73 acres of property for your enjoyment. Newly renovated. Many extras.

Larry Hussey* 705-457-2414 ext. 23

SAM'S LAKE - \$430,000



This property offers outstanding privacy with 850 feet of frontage on the lake, surrounded by over 15 acres of forest. Lovely 4 bedroom cottage with pine floors & ceilings, open concept.

Kerrie Farr** 286-1234 ext. 225

GULL RIVER - \$210,900



Two bedroom riverfront home or cottage on Gull River in Minden with easy access to Gull Lake and close to Minden, shopping and hospital. South exposure with 150 ft. frontage.

Cathy Bain* 286-1234 ext. 224

GETAWAY CABIN - \$129,900



2.65 acres. Newer siding, doors, windows and decking. New drilled well, steel roof and shutters, partially landscaped, cedar rail fencing, gated with new circular gravel driveway.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

Royal LePage Garage Sale for Shelter
Saturday, May 15, 2010
9am to 3pm
10 Bobcaygeon Rd.
Minden

All proceeds go to help out local YWCA women's shelter and violence prevention programs for women & children across Ontario. Donations of gently used items welcome. Small appliances only. Sorry, no upholstered furniture or mattresses.

Drop off dates:
Fridays 2-6pm starting April 16th
(or by appointment only)
For more information, or to donate items
Call Vicki or Patti
at 705-286-1234

GREENS LAKE - \$169,900



Open concept home or cottage (plus garage) across small cottage road from lake. Brand new furnace plus woodstove. 3 large bedrooms, large bath with separate shower and full basement. Great swimming and fishing.

Rachel Carthew* 457-2414, ext. 38

WEST SHORE KENNISIS - \$3,100,000



7000 sq ft timber framed architect designed cottage & 3000 sq ft lower W/O. 3 car garage. Granite, reclaimed hemlock & Berber flrs. Douglas fir beams, doors & walls. Curly cherry cabinets. 3.17 Ac 200 ft fr, granite shore spectacular view.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel* 754-1932

GLAMOR LAKE - \$220,000



Waterfront point with 175' of clean frontage. Various shoreline from rock to golden sand and multi exposure. Natural lot well treed for privacy and some towering pines.

Chris & Michelle Smulzar* 457-2414 ext. 22

92 ACRES - \$109,000



92 acres with pond, stream, creek, fields and forest area. Older bungalow in need of repair. Shared driveway. Well and septic.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

DAVIS LAKE ROAD - \$259,000



Large custom built home on over 13 acres close to Kinnmount and Minden. Three bedrooms, 1,600 sq ft of living space, 1 ensuite bath & a 4 pce bath, full basement, sunken living room with several skylights. 13.80 acres of mixed bush. Year round road.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234 ex. 222

MOUNTAIN STREET - \$79,900



Great fixer upper within walking distance to the village of Haliburton. 2 bedroom bungalow on a level lot and private setting - drilled well, septic, oil furnace. Terrific opportunity for the renovator/fixer-upper person.

Cathy Bain* 286-1234 ext. 224

LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE - \$598,000.00



Double lot 262'fr, sand & deep water. 2500 sq. ft custom cottage/home 3bdms, 2propane brick fireplaces, skylights, sunroom, w/o lower level & lge laundry area. Custom kitchen for Mom & lge garage with loft for Dad & all the toys & overflow guests.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel* 754-1932

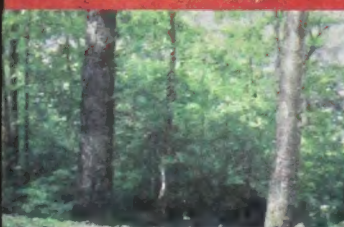
BURNT RIVER - \$77,500



Waterfront building lot #4. Nicely treed, level building site with driveway. Well study completed, septic approvals granted, hydro installed. Located on quiet dead-end road. You can hear the sound of the rapids! Buyer will be responsible for paying GST and/or HST. Take Highway 121 to Somerville Concession 11 to Burke Road. Property is on left - look for signs.

Diane Knapp* 488-3077

WALKERS LINE - \$34,900



Gorgeous one acre lot just steps away from lake access on prestigious Kushog Lake - well treed with year round municipal road access - adjacent lot also for sale.

Lindsay Elder** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

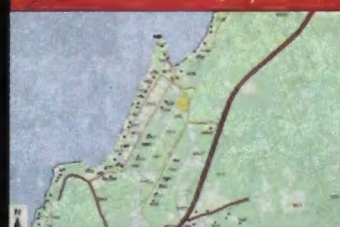
CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD - \$154,900



Large acreage with large beaver pond. This property has right of way off Galway rd with well maintained roadway to beaver pond and licenced gravel pit with great variety wildlife nesting blue heron beaver moose deer ect 10 minutes from Kinnmount.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234 ex. 222

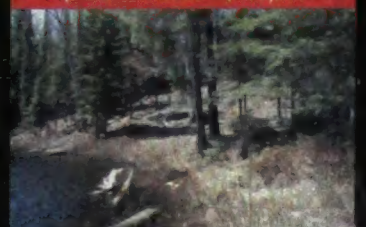
FADER ROAD - \$24,900



Well treed lot with over one acre - deeded access to Maple Lake - located on a private year round road with hydro and phone available.

Kerrie Farr** 286-1234 ext. 225

GROWLER LAKE - \$259,500



Beautiful executive lot - 505 feet frontage - southeast exposure - very private. Great building site to build that dream cottage, hydro, driveway partially started, easy access to Kennisis & Redstone area.

Dan Roxborough* 286-1234 ext.235

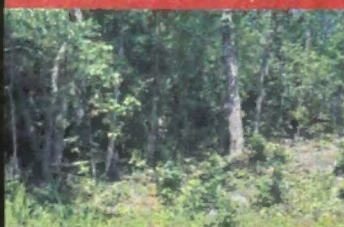
BURNT RIVER - \$77,500



Burnt River Waterfront building lots. Nicely treed, level building site with driveway. Well study completed, septic approvals granted, hydro installed. Located on quiet dead-end road. You can hear the sound of the rapids! Buyer will be responsible for paying GST and/or HST. Take Highway 121 to Somerville Concession 11 to Burke Road. Property is on left - look for signs.

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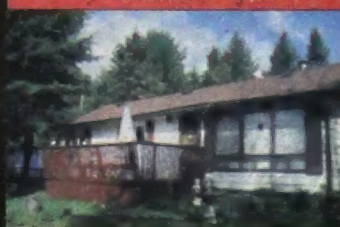
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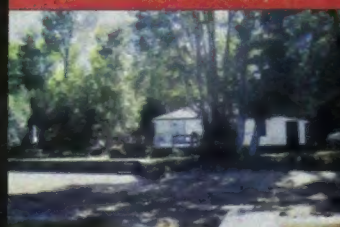
MAPLE LAKE - \$249,900



3 bedroom cottage, south exposure on 3 lake chain. 115 feet of sandy shoreline. Cottage has lots of charm with cedar paneling throughout, dining room, outdoor entertaining on the 2 decks or the inner court yard

Susan Johnson* 457-2414, ext. 44

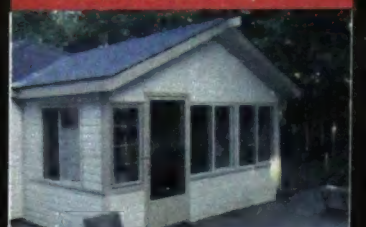
DIGNAN ROAD - \$359,000



Extensively renovated three bedroom cottage on one of Haliburton's largest lakes. Child friendly sand beach & shallow entry for the kids. Store all of the beach toys in your own boathouse.

Hal Johnson** 286-1234 ex. 229

BURNT RIVER \$169,500



Charming 2 bedroom cottage plus bunkie. Nice level lot with plenty of trees, 150 feet frontage. Many recent upgrades, near the village of Burnt River, only 10 minutes to Cobocook.

Dan Roxborough* 286-1234 ext.235



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